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## Two-alarm blaze on Lowell Street



▲► Local fire crews assisted Wilmington battling this two-alarm blaze around 10:30 p.m. Sunday night. Here, Reading Engine 3 along with numerous other communities assisted Wilmington at this structure fire on Lowell Street. The building was heavily damaged during the incident.

(Action Page and Julian Tague photos)

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### Year in Review 2022

## School Committee accomplishments and initiatives

By **LIZZY HILL**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In 2022, the School Committee navigated various school-related issues and supported ongoing and new initiatives to improve the educational experience of Wilmington students.

It was January when the committee began hearing about the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. They were already seeing the need for more special education referrals and IEPs and proposing to increase the budget by 2.5 percent overall.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand projected district enrollment of 2,757 students at that time. In March, the committee

learned of the Finance Committee's proposed cut to the school department budget of \$500,000 and resolved to explain the need for interventions and dyslexia screeners despite declining enrollment.

The special Town Meeting for supporting the MSBA process for the Wildwood School also took place in March. At multiple meetings the committee asked the community show up to share their support so that Wilmington could pay for a feasibility study with the MSBA.

Major areas for improvement were identified this year at the middle and high school levels through program reviews and audits. The results of a high school program review were shared in January including a number of new courses, reorganized course maps, and GPA changes. The NEASC report on the high school presented in April suggested priority areas to grow in curriculum mapping, instructor collaboration, civic engagement, and schedule review, among others.

The middle school program review began in March along with an entry plan for the new middle school principal, out of which a schedule review and deep dive in instruction were proposed. Results of a survey from the AMLE regarding the middle school program and experience were shared in April indicating improvement needed in emotional safety, education in bullying, training support for students experiencing trauma, communication to families about student progress, and more.

An 8th grade exit review was run in May bringing up themes for improvement in communication such as consistency and timeliness along with fairness and traditions in school climate.

In August, the results of an Equity Audit found opportunities for growth in culturally responsive teaching, supportive environments for LGBTQ+ students, and objectives and priorities related to culturally sustaining and equitable outcomes.

In addition to the new middle school principal, 2022 also brought new principals at the Wildwood, the Woburn Street, the North Intermediate, and the high school. The district also hired Rebecca Brown as the new Nursing Director and Dennis Ingram as the new Athletic Director.

Meanwhile, the current Wildwood programs were relocated to the high school, the Woburn Street School, and the Shawheen School due to the oil spill on top of the conditions at the Wildwood School. Brand later decided not to reoccupy the school all together and initiated a study of proposed temporary options in May.

The Wildwood Building Committee's early work in the study favored the option of renovating the current school, and later with feedback from the School Committee they thought of splitting the programs between the middle school

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## Planning Board held dozens of public hearings this year

By **LIZZY HILL**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Planning Board held dozens of public hearings for projects this year, allowing projects small and large to seek building permits and break ground in town.

The board started 2022 with preparations for the annual Town Meeting. Their proposed meeting articles would add new design standards in the by-law for businesses to follow and a potential rezoning of an area in North Wilmington to mixed use. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich said at that time that she'd be sending out a survey to assess how residents would respond to the potential rezoning.

The proposed site plan for 36 & 38 Upton Drive

slowly saw decreased footprint and parking and the addition of more grass surface and lighting per the board and the town's feedback before it was approved in March.

99 Fordham Road's proposed parking garage for Amazon employees was heard in February including a separate driveway from the Shriner's Auditorium. This project was approved and nearly completed throughout the year, although they were delayed with some of the final work due to the town's delay replacing the water main. The representatives asked for temporary relief to use the driveway in December which Gingrich agreed was reasonable.

Antenna replacements were proposed at 773 Salem St. as early as

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## Wilmington Library News:

## Intro to Meditation on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m.

## Adult Programs

INDOOR  
Needleworkers  
at Night

Monday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Can't make it in to Needleworkers during the day? We've added new evening sessions on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

INDOOR  
Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 12 p.m.  
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! Featured Cookbook: Mi Cocina by Rick Martinez. The following recipes have already been chosen by an attendee: Arroz Rojo, Tamales Oaxaqueños, Tacos Gobernador, Fideo Seco, and Pan de Muerto.

INDOOR  
Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m.  
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

INDOOR  
Craft and Chat

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m.  
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All craft supplies provided. Featured Craft: Wood and Stone Winter Birds.

INDOOR  
Needleworkers

Friday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m.  
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

INDOOR  
Intro to Meditation

Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.  
Are you feeling stressed? Meditation helps with relaxation and leads to a reduction of stress and anxiety. Explore a number of methods that will help you develop or deepen your practice, no experience needed! Led by Susan Ravagni from the Wilming-

ton Yoga Loft.

## Youth Programs

INDOOR  
Wilmington Community  
Playgroup

Monday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.  
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here for weekly playgroup sessions! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6

INDOOR  
Switch it Up!  
Video Game Club

Monday, Jan. 9, 3:45 p.m.  
Love video games? Love Nintendo Switch? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play your favorite Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

INDOOR  
Board Game Design

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Would you like to understand how to design your own board game? Over the course of several sessions we'll learn a process together while you work on your projects at home. Bring your game to life!

Grades 7-12

INDOOR  
Kids' Book Cafe

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.  
A book tasting for students in Grades 3-5. Sample several books revolving around the same theme or genre. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! Grades 3-5

INDOOR  
Craftroom:  
Cloud Lamps

Thursday, Jan. 12, 3:30 p.m.  
Using hot glue, fiberfill, and a paper lamp we will create a light up cloud for your room! Grades 4-8

INDOOR  
Music with Dara

Friday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m.  
With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/simple instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN! This program is designed for the 2-5 year

old child, but older and younger children will enjoy it too! Ages 2-5

## INDOOR

## Early College Planning

Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m.  
Tom O'Hare, an independent college advisor and Director of Partnership Programs from Pivotal College Years database, will present a program on early college planning aimed at current middle schoolers through 11th graders. Grades 6-12

## VIRTUAL

## D&amp;D

Saturday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m.  
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join us for a virtual campaign via Zoom every month with DM Mike! Please register using the email address where you'd like to receive the Zoom invitation (no school emails, please). You will receive the Zoom invitation via email at least an hour before the program begins. You will need to register for an account on D&DBeyond before playing. Please email us at [teens@wilmingtonlibrary.org](mailto:teens@wilmingtonlibrary.org) with any questions. Grades 6-8

## Additional Information

Friends of the Library  
Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Library are accepting jewelry donations. The next jewelry sale is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2023.

## Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person  
Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual  
Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmingtonlibrary.org](http://wilmingtonlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

## Planning Board deals with many important projects

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January but stalled until August while the proponents confirmed that the town's requested modifications were made back in 2019.

Reading Municipal Light Department sent in a Form A for 326 Ballardvale St. which they later submitted to repurpose for substation and storage. This project's public hearing is still continued into next year, along with those for Cross Street, 40-50 Fordham Road, Eagleview Drive, and 208 Main St. These were all continued without discussion in both November and December. The Cross Street applicant mentioned that the project is currently under review by the Conservation Commission.

Projects approved in June pertained to antenna

work at 26 Upton Drive and 46 & 53 Jonspin Road's site plan and stormwater including an altered crosswalk and light pole.

The board reviewed and approved the plan 225 Andover St. which was updated with exterior doors and security fencing during their meeting in August. 11 Commonwealth Ave. was also approved in August for stormwater management and the 81G application. 30 Upton Drive's site plan was approved for altering their loading docks and improving landscaping at the same time.

A warehouse was approved in the plans for 100-110 Fordham Road. The site plan was approved for 910 Salem St. for a replacement asphalt tank. Birch Street's 7-unit development was introduced in August as residents

brought concerns about water drainage, fill, and tree removal. In their December meeting, the board provided feedback per the request of the applicant's attorney on the street grade, length of the dead end, driveway curb cuts, and proposed turnaround.

They mostly suggested that the applicant work with the town engineer and try to widen the street. At this point the abutters had not been contacted regarding the driveway curb cuts, and one spoke up during the meeting suggesting that the developer find a way to follow the

town's conditions without encroaching on their property for any reason.

The request for a non-conforming lot special permit to construct a single-family house at 41 Westdale Ave. was approved in December after being taken up first in November.

The board continued the public hearing for 800 Salem St. into next year due to mostly traffic and flooding concerns for the site plan review, stormwater management, groundwater protection district special permit, and sign special permit.

Gingrich gave regular

reports this year concerning projects under the consideration of the Zoning Board of Appeals. She continued to share that the ZBA was still working through the plan for 100-104 West St. over the summer before new site plans were released in December.

Regarding the 79 Nichols St. project, she mentioned MassHousing's request for the developer to redesign in order to better fit the neighborhood and the new plan containing only 12 units in August.

She also shared the recommendation of the Select Board to not comply

with the DHCD guidelines which Wilmington would need to follow in order to be eligible for some grants.

Two permitting issues were identified this year: one at 168 Lowell St., where the developer put in the foundation without a permit, and another at 101 Main St., where the resident performed work in the rear of the building. There were also a few situations where the town reminded the developers to comply with the permit conditions such as the construction work starting before 7 a.m. at Darby Lane.

## School Committee spent 2022 discussing school start time changes, among other topics

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and the West Intermediate. This option was eventually supported by the committee due to the improved teaching and learning space, consolidating resources, and short timeline involved.

In April, the committee said goodbye to previous member Jo Newhouse and welcomed new member Stephen Turner after the annual town election.

In the fall, tensions rose at School Committee meetings while the committee negotiated with the town's educational assistants. Many educational assistants and supporters attended the meetings to plead with the committee on several occasions to pay them a fair wage.

The town's Parent Advisory Councils that resumed this year presented

to the committee over the course of several meetings. The new middle school and high school principals also shared their ideas to renew the school councils and follow the recommendations identified from their various reviews.

Another special Town Meeting took place in November for the new town hall/school administration building and the new senior center. Overviews were presented to the committee in October ahead of the meeting. At that time, the committee didn't share overwhelming support for the new town hall/administration building project.

November also brought MCAS scores from Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott which showed improvement in math but decline in English/Lan-

guage Arts, especially in grades 7 and 8. Time was taken specifically in December to explain the need for more interventions and special needs staff due to the changing makeup of Wilmington's students.

The school start time changes that started in January were only finalized in December. There were originally 16 options which were narrowed down to three and presented to the community via a survey in April. This was done in collaboration with the Parent and Guardian Advocates for Wilmington (PAWS) group who also hosted a community forum for questions about the scenarios provided so far.

The survey results presented in May did not return clear enough direction for the committee to decide, and another option

was created later this year.

The changes to school start times proposed, though not yet approved, would allow the Wildwood to start at 7:40 a.m., the middle and high schools to start at 8 a.m., the Boutwell, Shawsheen, and West at 8:25 a.m., and lastly the Woburn Street and the North to start at 9 a.m. The committee initiated a plan to hold several community forums for feedback.

At the last meeting in December, the committee saw the proposed budget for next year with an increase by five percent mostly prompted by increased cost of special education for out-of-district placements, the loss of COVID-19 pandemic grants, transportation, and contractual obligations.

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## It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

TAXPAYERS CAN START  
THE 2023 TAX YEAR OFF  
RIGHT BY CHECKING  
THEIR WITHHOLDING:

— PART I —

One way people can get the new tax year off to a good start is by checking their federal income tax withholding. They can do this using the Tax Withholding Estimator on IRS.gov.

This online tool helps employees avoid having too much or too little tax withheld from their wages. It also helps self-employed people, who have wage income, estimate tax payments that they should make to avoid unexpected results at tax time. Having too little withheld can result in a tax bill or even a penalty at tax time. Having too much withheld results in less money in their pocket. The estimator can help them get to a balance of zero or a desired refund amount.

Taxpayers can use the results from the Tax Withholding Estimator to determine if they should complete a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate and submit it to their employer, or make an additional or estimated tax payment to the IRS.

The Tax Withholding Estimator asks taxpayers to estimate their 2022 income, the number of children they will claim for the child tax credit and earned income tax credit, and other items that will affect their 2022 tax return when they file in 2023.

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## News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

Opportunities and  
adventures await you  
at WCTV!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! Maybe you're thinking this is the year you start that podcast you've been ruminating about? Maybe you run a non-profit and you'd like to do a PSA about the organization you're affiliated with? Maybe your child needs community service hours or you are part of a civic group that would like to learn more about cable

access television and take a tour? Maybe you're thinking you should make this the year you volunteer more or align yourself with an organization who could use your help? Maybe you're a business owner and you're looking for ways to give back to the community by sponsoring an establishment that is worthy of your hard-earned money?

If any of the above sounds like you, we would love to talk to you about membership and all the opportunities and adventures that await you at WCTV. WCTV staffers are passionate

about what they do and they love sharing and teaching what they do even more!

For information about membership, sponsoring WCTV, tours and anything else you want to know about your community tv station, start by reaching out to Community Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Kapala-Egan at: [lisa@wctv.org](mailto:lisa@wctv.org). Let's make this year the year you become a vital part of WCTV!

Meetings covered  
by WCTV:  
Monday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.  
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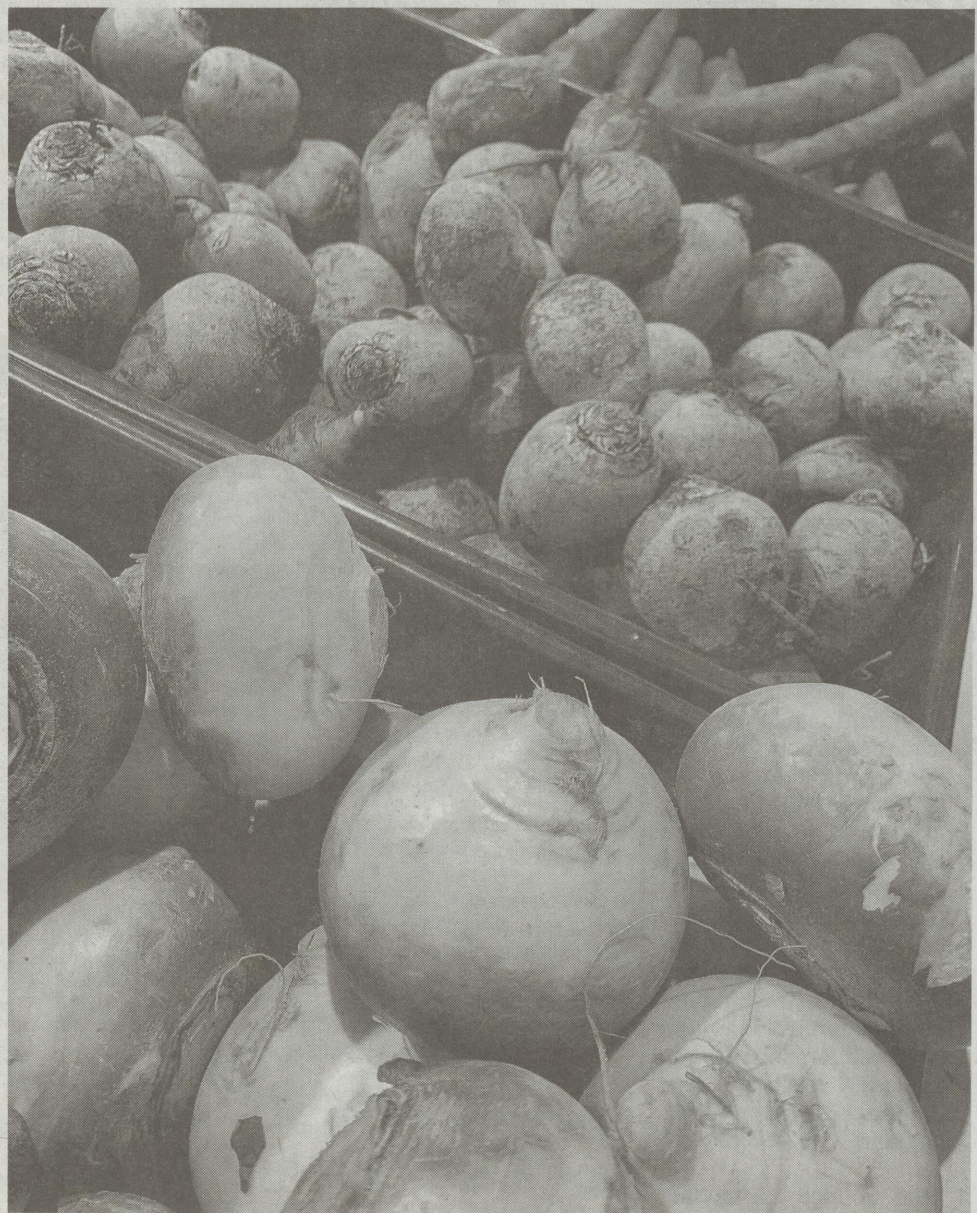
# Slight tweaks to your diet can pay big health dividends



▲ Adding fresh herbs to your diet like Escarole, Parsley and Anise offers many of the nutritional benefits of other leafy greens and can improve the taste of your favorite recipes



▲ Leafy greens like the flavorful Red Swiss Chard are easy to incorporate into your favorite meals and offer a wide variety of vitamins and nutrients your diet may be lacking.



By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

**A**s tradition would dictate, another New Year's Day celebration has ushered in another season of New Year's resolutions.

Among the top New Year's resolutions that we promise ourselves to complete, our diet has to be one of the most popular things we all want to improve upon.

"Diet" is often thought of as a four letter word, but don't confuse "dieting" with diet.

Diet does not mean eating less, it simply means the type of food you choose to eat.

For this New Year's resolution, forego the trendy new diets and starvation cleansing, and focus on little changes you can make to your everyday diet to better improve your health and lifestyle.

With dedication and a small amount of effort, making small changes to your daily diet instead of drastic lifestyle changes are more likely to stick with you, and can prove to make big changes in your overall health.

One of the easiest changes you can make to your diet is adding leafy greens to two of your meals a day.

Whether it is spinach, arugula, watercress, or romaine, leafy greens are packed with vitamins, minerals, and fiber. They are also incredibly easy to sneak into your favorite meals.

Adding a few leaves of romaine or arugula in your favorite sandwich or burger or adding chopped spinach to your favorite pasta dishes, soup recipes or even an omelet can quickly up the nutritional value of these everyday dishes.

Using fresh herbs instead of dried herbs can also add many of the nutritional benefits of eating leafy greens, plus it will make all of your favorite recipes taste even better.

One reason many diets fail is that people often feel they have to stop eating their favorite foods and replace them with "diet" foods such as salad.

Unfortunately, some people just don't like salad, so don't force yourself to eat something you don't like, because you won't be able to stick with it for the long

run.

Instead of adding more salad to add vegetables to your diet, try swapping out foods you like with plant based alternatives.

Try alternatives like cauliflower pizza or chickpea pasta one or two nights a week. You may just find a plant-based alternative food you like even more than your traditional favorite.

In recent years, fruit has gotten a bad rap from unfounded rumors. Some have chosen to forgo on fruit in their diet to avoid the natural sugar contained in most fruit.

But skipping fruit also skips an easy and delicious addition of antioxidants, vitamins and fiber to your diet.

Fruit makes a good afternoon snack on the go, but can also be a staple at the breakfast table with little to no effort.

A few berries or sliced bananas on top of cereal or pancakes adds flavor, fiber and extra nutrition to an otherwise lackluster meal.

If you're more of a coffee and toast breakfast eater, try making a new habit of adding grapefruit or a banana on the side.

If you haven't been utilizing the "seed" food group, the new year is as good of an excuse as any to give the seed group a try.

Seeds like chia, flaxseed, and pumpkin are packed with vitamins, antioxidants and minerals, and are easy to add to foods you already enjoy.

Sprinkle seeds on salads, soups, stir fry, pasta, yogurt or even ice cream, or roast them and they make a great snack on their own.

Staying properly hydrated is essential for good health, but drinking water is not the only way to stay hydrated. There are many foods with a high water content that are naturally low in calories, making for a healthy addition to your diet.

Tomatoes, cucumbers,

lettuce, berries, and watermelon are all water-rich, nutritionally sound foods that can help keep you hydrated while you eat.

When visiting the supermarket, we all tend to purchase the same foods week after week, putting us in a diet rut.

For 2023, why not challenge yourself with the simple task of trying just one new vegetable a week. It's a great way to widen your flavor pallet and you may surprise yourself and find a produce you thought you would hate, but in fact you kind of love.

Add a fun twist to this venture by looking up a recipe specifically for your new veggie of the week, so you are sure to enjoy it with optimum flavor.

If you are truly unwilling to commit to trying too many new foods, you can enjoy a healthy diet by being mindful when filling your plate. Choose a "rainbow" of foods that come from the earth to help you achieve a healthy diet.

This does not mean to eat Skittles candy found on the ground, but rather the majority of foods you eat should come from mother earth, and not created in a factory.

Having a "rainbow" of food colors on your plate will offer you a full spectrum of vitamins, minerals, and nutrition while offering you a wide variety of flavor and texture.

New Years is all about change for the better, but don't punish yourself about your food choices. No need for guilt if you think you have had one too many cookies or indulge on an ice cream sundae. Remember, those things are OK to eat as long as you balance it out with a healthy, daily diet.

Big things can come from small changes. This New Year's resolution, try some simple tweaking of your diet instead of a big declaration of starvation, and you are sure to experience much success in the new year.

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## Upcoming local events

Thursday, Jan. 5, Public Health Museum indoor & outdoor tours, 365 East St., Tewksbury, [publichealthmuseum.org](http://publichealthmuseum.org)

Friday, Jan. 6, Family Swim, Billerica Boys and Girls Club, 9 Campbell Road, Billerica, 7:20 - 8:30 p.m., \$5 pp if non member.

Friday, Jan. 6, Open Skate, Hallenbourg Arena, Billerica, 7 - 8 p.m., \$5 pp/\$20 family, 10 Good St., Billerica.

Saturday, Jan. 7, Public Health Museum outdoor tours, 365 East St., Tewksbury, [publichealthmuseum.org](http://publichealthmuseum.org)

Saturday, Jan. 7, Lowell YMCA Family Swim, 35 YMCA Drive, 2:30 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8, Westford Museum Free, 1 - 3 p.m., 4 Boston Road

Sunday, Jan. 8, Family Barn Dance, 3 - 5 p.m., Pa-

rish Center for the Arts, 10 Lincoln Street, Westford, \$5pp/family \$15 cap

Tuesday, Jan. 10, Bargain Movie Day, Showcase Cinema De Luxe Lowell, 32 Reiss Ave., Lowell

Tuesday, Jan. 10, Learn To Play Chess, Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wilmington Town Museum, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Saturdays, Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St., North Billerica, 12 - 4 p.m., [middlesexcanal.org](http://middlesexcanal.org)

Tuesdays - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday by appointment, closed Sunday and Monday, Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex St., Lawrence, [lawrencehistory.org](http://lawrencehistory.org)

## Baker-Polito Administration announces nearly \$2M in fire education grants

STOW — The Baker-Polito Administration announced that 266 municipal fire departments will receive \$1.9 million in grants to fund fire and life safety education for children and older adults, setting a new record for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE programs. The previous record of 253 communities was set in FY 2018.

Tewksbury and Wilmington fire departments received \$4,381 (S.A.F.E. amount) and \$2,277 (Senior S.A.F.E. amount).

"For more than 25 years, the S.A.F.E. grant program has provided hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts students with fire and life safety lessons that last a lifetime," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are glad that this year's awards will support consistent, statewide, professional safety education in a record number of communities."

The average number of children who die in fires annually has dropped by nearly 80 percent since the S.A.F.E. program began in FY 1996, and Massachusetts recently went nearly three years without losing a child to fire. The Senior SAFE program was launched in FY 2014, funding fire safety education for another vulnerable population — seniors, who face a disproportionate risk of dying in a fire at home.

"The Senior SAFE grants support home visits, smoke and CO alarm installations, and fire safety presentations delivered by firefighters in partnership with service providers," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This valuable program gives older adults the tools, knowledge, and

strategies to stay safe and independent at home."

This year's awards will provide \$1,103,488 in S.A.F.E. funding for 262 fire departments; \$562,194 in Senior SAFE funding for 265 fire departments; and \$252,783 for regional trailer props used by multiple fire departments to teach and demonstrate fire safety skills. Every department that applied for a grant received funding.

"The S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE grants represent a smart investment in fire safety," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence M. Reidy. "Youngsters and older adults are historically at greater risk in house fires, but that risk can be reduced through the targeted outreach, education, and awareness programs like these."

"The S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE programs bring trained firefighter-educators together with children and older adults to deliver age-appropriate fire and life safety lessons," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "Fire service programs like these are part of the reason Massachusetts is one of the most fire-safe states in the nation, and I'm very glad that more communities than ever applied for this year's grants."

The S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE grant programs are funded through legislative earmarks to the Executive Office of the Public Safety & Security, and they are administered by the Department of Fire Services. A full list of recipient departments and their awards is attached. For more fire service grant opportunities, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-for-fire-departments>.

## Want your opinion heard?

We LOVE your letters! Send Letters to the Editor to: [office@yourtowncrier.com](mailto:office@yourtowncrier.com).

All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes. Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

## Snowboard First, Paint Later:

A family's journal of adventures boarding in the Northeast



(Courtesy photo)

Book Stew:

## 'I Put Down My Phone and TikTok'

Matt Champness is a Wilmington dad who grew tired of looking at his phone and decided to try an artistic endeavor. Then he joined his kids and learned how to snowboard.

Art + snowboard = one amazing book!

Matt's new book is

"Snowboard First, Paint Later: A Family's Journal of Adventures Boarding in the Northeast." It's filled with lovely portraits of ski resorts in all the New England states and across the country. It's also chock full of impressions and commentary on each moun-

tain.

In the January episode of Book Stew, Matt shares the joy of days with his family, out in the brisk air, zooming down slopes, and never looking at their screens.

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at

1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand:

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/BookStew109-VOD>

Podcast: <https://tinyurl.com/BookStew109-Soundcloud>

## Baker-Polito Admin awards \$46M to support workforce recruitment and retention

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced more than \$46 million has been awarded to 85 community organizations for workforce recruitment, retention, and training, with the goal of reducing staff burnout and improving client outcomes in our human service and HCBS sectors across the Commonwealth. More than 472 applications were submitted totaling \$270.1 million in requests.

The home and community based (HCBS) and human services workforce grant opened in

October through the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) for any Massachusetts provider, education/training institution, community organization, existing workforce program, or private foundation.

"We are experiencing a nationwide shortage of human service and HCBS workers who have been facing burnout and immense stress over the last several years," said Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders.

"Investing in community service organizations through this funding will better equip the Commonwealth with the resources and tools needed to recruit and retain this critical workforce, creating better patient outcomes for Massachusetts residents."

EOHHS received funding for the grant through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The administration is committed to using the funds to strengthen ac-

cess, family and natural supports, person-centered care, choice, and equity to HCBS for those with physical disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for older adults with unique behavioral health needs.

The funding complements the Baker-Polito Administrations broader, ongoing efforts to create a behavioral health system in Massachusetts. Since 2015, the administration has invested \$815 million in Chapter 257 rate increases.

## Wright participates in Emerson stage production

BOSTON — Madison Wright from Wilmington participated in Emerson Stage's production of "Are You Someone To Somebody?" performed Dec. 8-11, 2022 in the Greene Theater at Emerson College in Boston.

Conceived of and directed by Lindsay Beamish, the show is a mixture of text, movement, abstract design, and media; a new work highlighting the the general human experience.

Wright is majoring in Theatre Education and is a member of the Class of 2026.

Emerson Stage and the Department of Performing Arts are where the next generation of actors, designers, stage managers, technicians, administrators, and educators work alongside distinguished faculty, professional staff, and visiting artists to bring skills learned in the classroom to vibrant life on stage.

About Emerson College Based in Boston, opposite the historic Boston

Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

The College has approximately 4,161 undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa.

The College has an ac-

tive network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in commu-

nication and the arts.

For more information, visit [emerson.edu](http://emerson.edu).



# OBITUARIES

## Richard P. 'Rick' Ruggiero Loved to hit the road on his Harley

Richard P. "Rick" Ruggiero, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away on Jan. 1, 2023, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Rick was born on Sept. 25, 1959, in Arlington; he was the cherished son of Christopher Ruggiero and the late Natalie (Covitz) Ruggiero. Rick was raised in Arlington and graduated from Arlington High School.

Rick married Lenetta M. (Jones) Ruggiero on Oct. 4, 1980; they were married for over 42 years. They moved to Wilmington in 1990, where they raised their two boys: Tony and Jay. Rick and Lenetta loved traveling and especially loved going on cruises, going on as many as they could and were lucky to be able to travel all over the world.

Rick worked at F.W. Webb for over 30 years. Those that worked with him over the years knew Rick as always ready and willing to help or to answer any questions they had. Rick loved his job and a career which allowed him to pursue his love of technology, a passion which he passed along to his sons.

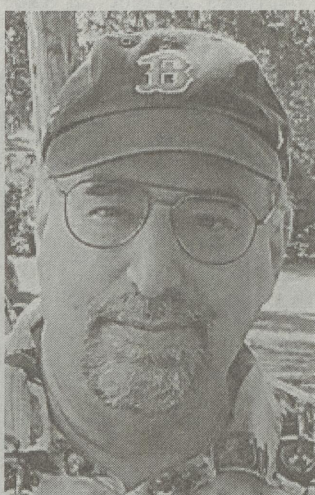
Rick was an avid sports fan and loved to golf (though he spent more time losing golf balls than getting them in the hole!). He enjoyed watching the Patriots and was a life-long Red Sox fan. Rick

loved going to games at Fenway and even followed them to many other cities to watch them on the road. He also loved motorcycles and loved to hit the road on his Harley whenever he got the chance, especially at Bike Week in Laconia.

Rick will be sorely missed by everyone that knew him. He was the nicest, kindest guy you could meet and was an amazing husband and father. Incredibly generous, he'd do anything he could to help anyone that needed it.

While we are all immensely sad to have lost him so early, we will all cherish the many memories we were lucky enough to have with him over the years. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff of Massachusetts General Hospital who were beyond amazing and did all they could to help dad in his courageous battle and made him comfortable until the end.

Rick was the beloved husband of Lenetta M. (Jones) Ruggiero, devoted father of Tony Ruggiero and his wife Liz Colburn of Woburn and Jay Ruggiero of Wilmington, cherished son of Christopher A. Ruggiero and his wife Daina of Tewksbury and the late Natalie A. (Covitz) Ruggiero, dear brother of Robert Ruggiero and his wife Janet of



Hudson, NH, Deborah Curry and her husband Ed of Wilmington and Lauri Sabatasso of Vernon, CT.

Rick is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Jan. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 5 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Rick's name may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [jimmyfund.org/gift](http://jimmyfund.org/gift). [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Antonio Cutone Had a passion for gardening

Antonio Cutone, age 79, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 3, 2023.

Antonio was born in the hillside village of Cutone in Isernia, Italy to Pasquale and Beatrice Cutone. It was there in the middle of Italy in the middle of World War II just nine months later, just a few houses away, that a young girl named Maddalena was born who would become his lifetime love and companion.

Antonio and Maddalena attended school together in the mornings and spent their afternoons together playing with friends and tending to their families' sheep and goats among the beautiful orchards, pastures and river valleys. It was an idyllic childhood and his love for Maddalena grew with each passing day.

As a young teenager, Maddalena left for Boston with her family, and at the age of 16, Antonio set out for Switzerland seeking adventure and opportunity. Antonio spent three years in Switzerland working in turn as a Baker's apprentice in Wolfwil, chef's assistant in Lucerne and construction worker in Solothurn — returning home each Christmas with presents of dolls and chocolates for his little sisters, grandma Concetta, mom, and dad.

During this time, Antonio and Maddalena continued an overseas relationship through frequent letters. They ultimately returned to Isernia to wed in 1963. The newly married couple moved to Boston's North End where before long, their first child Beatrice was born. Shortly thereafter, they had a son Anthony, and

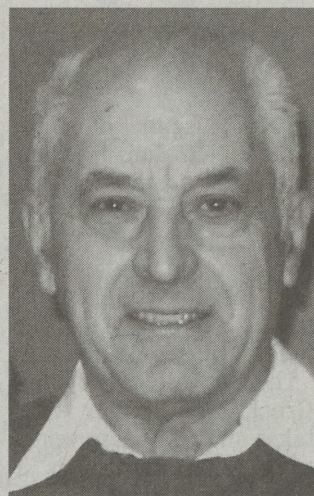
decided to move the growing family to Wilmington where their third child Karen was born.

The home in Wilmington was the site of frequent family gatherings of parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends where Antonio would man the barbeque grill between bocce games and share feasts centered around his homemade wine and home-grown vegetables.

Antonio spent his entire 43-year career in the construction industry first as a laborer, and then representing others as a labor steward for Laborer's Union Local 22. While construction was his occupation, gardening was his passion. Much of his free time in late spring through early fall was spent growing enough produce to feed his growing extended family, neighbors, and anyone else who happened to stop by between July and October — and fighting a never-ending battle to keep his fig trees thriving in a very fig-unfriendly climate.

Each morning he would pick a fresh sprig of basil that he wore as an unlikely corsage in the front pocket of his work shirt, a unique natural cologne that his family remembers with fondness to this day.

Antonio retired from the union at the young age of 63 and spent the next several years enjoying his growing family, his growing garden, and friends and extended family who had settled in Wilmington's Hathaway Acres neighborhood and neighboring Stoneham. He loved his family and his friends above all — and they love him. He will be profoundly missed.



Antonio is survived by Maddalena, his wife of 59 years; his daughter Beatrice and her husband Tom; son Anthony and his wife Karen; daughter Karen and her husband Jeff; grandchildren Lauren, Brendan, Danielle (and her husband Mario), Madeline, Julianne, Maria, Anthony and Ava; his sister Concetta and her husband Joe; his sister Emilia and her husband Carmelo, as well as several cherished sister-in-law, brother's-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home on Friday, Jan. 6 from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Antonio's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

# Sign of the times

By ROSALYN IMPINK  
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — They say that good writers borrow, but great writers steal — and that's exactly how Gene Gerry comes up with his roadside sayings. Gerry, a Tewksbury resident, has been changing the Schlott Tire sign at 530 Main St. for over 15 years, coming in about three times a week to swap out the messages on the double-sided board.

Gerry's not an employee, but rather a customer and longtime friend of owner Rusty McKallagat and manager Jim Lamarche. When the business first moved to town, Gerry, a self-described car enthusiast, was concerned that the sign rarely changed and took on the task of maintaining its messaging.

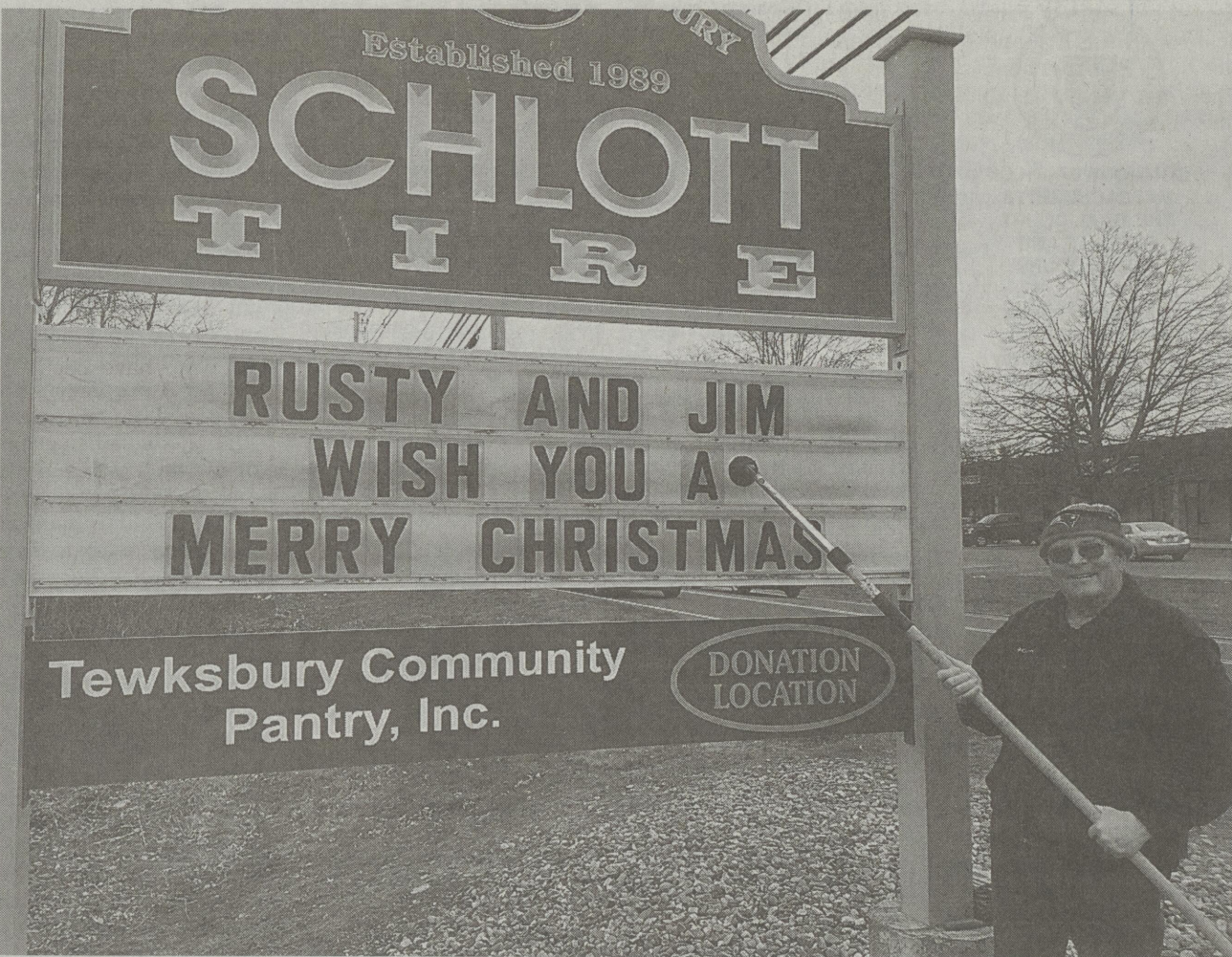
Gerry does most of the message-writing himself, taking to magazines and books to find inspiration for his often pithy and punchy sayings. A radio announcer in the area for

more than three decades, he worked at music stations WSSH 99.5 and WJIB 96.9. He moved to Tewksbury in 1968 and has seen "so much change" in town over the years.

Gerry photographs his boards, collecting "thousands of pictures," many of which are posted on the walls of the tire shop. "When I grow up, I want to be a billboard" is among Gerry's favorites, in addition to messages about grandparents and grandchildren.

True to form, the sign frequently bears safe driving notices, urging passersby to watch the road and not their phones. Gerry has also posted messages with the names and death dates of local residents who fought in the Vietnam War and were declared missing in action, their bodies never recovered.

Gerry also posts personal messages several times a year, celebrating birthdays, weddings, retirements, and anniversaries. Individuals can submit a



▲ Gerry displays hundreds of his past messages for customers to explore.

personal message for a

\$25 minimum donation at the tire shop that goes to support the Tewksbury Community Pantry, for which Schlott also hosts a food donation drop-off bin.

"These guys are the best," said Gerry of McKallagat and Lamarche. "They've always been a very community oriented place. They sponsor a lot of youth activities. That's just the way they've done it since I've known them... I like to do it for them, it gives me something to

do."

Gerry has observed many touching scenes play out on the roadside. He recounted a story of a young boy who came with his family to see his special birthday message on the sign. While motorists waited at the traffic light, they serenaded him with a rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Mass communications specialist Courtney Leavitt of Billerica recalls the pride she felt driving by the sign before her Navy

deployment and seeing a message wishing her congratulations and good luck. Now, she still swings by to check it out.

"I find joy in what's on the sign," she said.

Despite recent rotator cuff surgery, Gerry has no plans to slow down, even as he navigates tough roadside terrain and gears up for annual snow.

"This sign's got a mind of its own," he said. "It just keeps happening."

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# Museum of Fine Arts reinvents itself

By ROSALYN IMPINK  
News Correspondent

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston is back from the pandemic and better than ever. Tucked against the Back Bay Fens on Huntington Avenue, the museum continues to reinvent itself for today's museum goer.

The recently renovated Greek and Roman wing takes on the ancient world while offering visitors a chance to consider a modern perspective. How will future historians understand contemporary currency in our increasingly cashless society in comparison to how we view Byzantine coins today? How do we reconcile our museum-going experience with the legacy of antiquities theft?

The galleries attempt to combat through pigment analysis the "myth of classical whiteness" — ancient marble statues, often used as the model of ideal beauty, were in fact originally brightly painted and reflected a diverse society. However, many white supremacists and white nationalist groups have used the marble statues' current state to justify their claims that the Greeks and Romans were white, though this concept of race did not exist in the ancient world. A digital reconstruction of the museum's Athena Parthenos statue shows visitors what she might have looked like thousands of years ago, and goes through the scientific processes used to uncover the statue's past.

The Art of the Americas galleries also encourages visitors to think critically about what they see — and what they don't see. An empty frame hanging among handsome portraits by John Singleton Copley and Gilbert Stuart asks us to consider who is missing from the American story on the walls, such as those who were too poor to afford a commissioned painting or were not celebrated for heroism in their own time.

Other works by contemporary artists are interspersed in the gallery, including a portrait by Kehinde Wiley, who painted President Barack Obama for the National Portrait Gallery.

The museum is also focusing on bringing broad-

er language access to its permanent collections through its descriptive texts next to art. The Americas gallery includes labels in the most common languages spoken in Boston — including English, Spanish, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese — as well as the area's indigenous Wabanaki language. Visitors are able to listen to and access these translations through the MFA's app — a handy tool to enhance the museum experience through audio and video tours.

All your museum favorites are still waiting for you: the mummies of Egypt lie in their sarcophagi, the grand Art of Europe hall towers with hunting art, and the cloud of styrofoam cups glows in the contemporary art wing. The recently renovated Dutch and Flemish galleries bring visitors into the worlds of some of the masters, and just down the hall, the Impressionists are brighter than ever, presenting Monet's water lilies and delicate pointillist paintings.

Standing in front of Renoir's "Dance at Bougival,"

depicting a man and woman dancing at a cafe, one is struck by the immortality of the subjects, captured forever in tableau for millions and mil-

lions to observe and enjoy for centuries. The museum continues to delight, excite, and inspire, successfully bridging the old and the new for a nuanced,

thoughtful experience.

Visit [mfa.org](http://mfa.org) to book a ticket and make sure to check your local library ahead of time to reserve a discounted museum pass.



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### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000

### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P3105EA

Estate of: John A. Tello  
Also known as: John Tello  
Date of Death: 05/08/2022

A Petition for S/A — Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by: Catherine D Tello of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/26/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 29, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate

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1/4/23

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled before the Board of Selectmen in Room 9 of the Town Hall on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. on the application of Covestro LLC to increase the storage of flammable and combustible materials, such material to be stored at the facility at 730 Main Street, Wilmington, (Map 39, Parcel 8A). A plan is made part of this application and may be viewed at the Town Manager's office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

Judith L. O'Connell, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
230011 1/4/23

### LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: 339/349 Asset Condition Refurbishment Project

LOCATION: Tewksbury, Andover, Wilmington, North Reading, Reading, Lynnfield, Wakefield & Saugus

PROPOSER: New England Power Company (NEP)

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before: January 3, 2023

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Alison Milliman  
BSC Group  
1 Mercantile Street, Suite 610  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(617) 896-4532  
AMilliman@bscgroup.com

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Wilmington.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114. Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By: Andrew Cole, New England Power Company (Proponent)  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING

### SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on January 23, 2023 at 7:10 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Steve Doherty for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Zoning Bylaw to redevelop the existing building and site into a marijuana retailer establishment including new striping, sidewalks, and landscaped areas as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 2504 Main Street, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 313, zoned South Village Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

Stephen Johnson,  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING

### GROUNDWATER PROTECTION SPECIAL PERMIT & LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on January 23, 2023 at 7:05 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 118 Lumber Lane LLC for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and a Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Zoning Bylaw as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to construct a 9,600 SF, two-story industrial garage building, associated driveways, gravel laydown area, and proposed stormwater management system as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 118 Lumber Lane, Assessor's Map 102, Lot 16, zoned Industrial 2.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

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## Year in Review 2022

# Tewksbury Select Board stays busy, receives good financial news

By ROSALYN IMPINK  
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — In 2022, the Tewksbury Select Board discussed several new developments, projects and funding opportunities. Here are some of the highlights.

In January, the board announced that following the federal census, the town has received three additional restaurant all-alcohol licenses for a total of 33 licenses; one additional restaurant wine and malt liquor license for a total of seven licenses; one additional all-alcoholic retail package license for a total of seven licenses; and one additional wine and malt retail package license for a total of seven licenses.

The new licenses come in addition to special legislation passed by the state legislature which added five additional all-alcohol restaurant licenses and two additional beer and wine restaurant licenses which must be used by February 2024.

In February, the new town website was launched at the same address, though documents continue to be transferred over.

In March the board voted to extend the town manager's contract through 2025, increase his rate by 2.25 percent, and allowed him to roll over 430 unused vacation hours to his new contract term.

The board also reviewed the town's annual audit from Jim Powers and Romina Mameli of Powers & Sullivan, LLC, who shared their findings of the town's financial position. Mameli explained that the town had higher revenues and lower expenditures than expected.

"You had a great year," she said, as budget-to-actuals showed an upside of \$4.2 million.

The town bears an unfunded pension liability of \$104.5 million for FY21, but Powers said that the town was "chipping away" at the liability and was ahead of the game compared to other regional retirement systems. The town has a 7.2 percent discount rate on debt, a favorable sign for investments.

The town received a clean opinion from the auditors, and the town's financial staff was praised for a quick turnaround after closing the year.

"You're extremely well-managed from a long-term perspective," said Powers.

Following the April election, the board said goodbye to retiring member Anne Marie Stornach; Jayne Wellman was re-elected to her seat and Mark Kratman returned to the board after a stint away. The board heard updates from Tewksbury Home Build on scatter-site development throughout town.

In June, the board held several show cause hearings for liquor license violations. The board reviewed a new flag policy, after several years of contentious requests for special flag raisings. The policy would only allow for the American flag, POW/MIA flag, Massachusetts flag, and town flag to be flown on town property.

However, department heads may petition the town manager to fly other flags for short periods of time on special occasions. The board voted 4-1 to accept the policy, with member Jayne Wellman dissenting.

Later in the summer,

the board discussed a new electric vehicle dealership on Main Street and discussed funding for veterans affordable housing.

In September, the board encouraged residents to consider the Tewksbury Community Choice Power Supply Program to receive a cheaper power rate compared to National Grid. The board discussed the retail marijuana application submission process. Initially, the town planned to review applications on a first-come, first-served basis to allocate the town's three retail marijuana licenses following approval of the new retail marijuana bylaws at the state level after a favorable vote at Town Meeting, but eventually established a list of criteria to favor a complete application over a fast one.

The board also reviewed an adaptive reuse proposal for the Residence Inn at 1775 Andover St.

The year ended with the board setting the annual tax rate and giving high praise to Town Manager Richard Montuori during his yearly performance review. The board heard presentations on the new state MBTA communities legislation and the Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program.

Finally, in a win for tree lovers, the board approved a resident-initiated Arbor Day proclamation to support Tewksbury's designation as a Tree City.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10, 2023. Residents may find the meeting agenda on the town website. The meeting may be viewed on Comcast channel 99 and Verizon channel 33.





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Two arrested for multiple counts of drug possession

Monday, December 26

1:40 p.m. - The owner of Jon Ryan's Pub requested to speak with an officer regarding ongoing remarks and possible threats being made on social media. Police sent and the officer filed a report.

5:32 p.m. - Caller reported a male hitchhiking at Cabot Road and Brown Street. Police sent and they checked the area. They reported gone on arrival.

7:38 p.m. - Alarm reported a commercial hold up at T-Mobil. 911 caller reported the T-Mobil was robbed. Police sent. Officer filed a report. Later, it was learned on scene that incident was a larceny and not a robbery.

7:58 p.m. - Front desk reported a verbal argument between the guests at Motel 6. Police sent. They reported no argument. The caller was upset about loud noise and the guest agreed to keep it down.

Tuesday, December 27

12:22 a.m. - Police sent for a female reported that a male party was arguing with her boyfriend at Mobil Stadium Plaza. Caller wore red khakis and a

Tommy Hilfiger black top. Police reported calling party out by Home Depot, involving male party out by Burger King. A 911 caller reported a male party has approached their tent and started to threaten them. He asked them to get out of the tent so he can hurt them. Using explosives. Male party described a white male wearing dark clothing. Police reported male party would be on his way. All units cleared and officer filed a report.

3:21 a.m. - Front desk employee reported that a male tenant was acting unruly and called her names at Motel 6. They got into a verbal argument. Police sent. Homeless shelters contacted per the requested of the police. None available. All taxi service responded to transport the male to Pawtucket Boulevard in Lowell. Male party was trespassing and given a cab. Officer filed a report.

3:44 p.m. - A 911 caller reported her eight-year old son ran away wearing jeans, white sneakers and an olive green jacket with curly hair and light skin at Salem Five Bank. Police sent and filed a report.

6:56 p.m. - Caller report-

ed a motor vehicle parked at The Residences at Tewksbury Towne Place every night. Officer reported they were staying at the hotel and were having a cigarette. Parties were from UK.

7:07 p.m. - Caller reported a white male wearing a hat, short, blue or grey jacket going asking people for money at Stadium Plaza. Caller was no longer in the area. Police spoke with the caller stating the male left in a black Honda Civic. They checked the other lots, but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

Wednesday, December 28

6:31 a.m. - Caller reported there was a party sleeping at RTN Federal Credit Union at the ATM. Unable to tell gender. Caller reported the party doesn't appear to need medical attention, just that they were sleeping and he was unable to use the ATM. Police sent and the party was homeless and had been moved along.

7:38 p.m. - A 911 call reported a male appeared to be intoxicated, urinating in the bushes, and was taking pictures of woman and children at Longhorn Steakhouse. Male was inside of a silver Audi. Po-

lice sent. Mark Thompson, 57, of 13 Clinton Ave. in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with oui liquor, and possession open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

Thursday, December 29

1:04 p.m. - Caller reported gentleman in black Mercedes had been sitting in his vehicle at Smoke Shop for at least one hour. Caller reported it was suspicious. Police sent. Second call from the caller reported all parties have left the area.

2:28 p.m. - A passerby reported there was a silver Toyota solar traveling erratically northbound on Whipple Road. Police sent. They reported that a check of the camera revealed no vehicle fitting that description. Police reported gone on arrival.

2:57 p.m. - Caller reported her vehicle tires were slashed while at work at Fantastic Sam's. Police sent and reported no surveillance in the area and filed a report.

3:02 p.m. - Caller reported erratic operator all over the roadway by North Street and East Street. Caller reported heading outbound on Pleasant Street. Police sent. Theo-

dore Whitney, 65, of 262 Pleasant St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor.

Friday, December 30

4:01 p.m. A young male operated erratically on East Street and Royal Crest Circle. They reported to be passing car in the double yellow zone. Police sent. They cleared and spoke to the operator of the vehicle who checked out.

5:52 p.m. - Loss prevention from Walmart reported a shoplifter that took off on foot with \$200-\$300 worth of merchandise. Police sent. Gideon White, 22, of 34 Warren St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and trespassing.

10:07 p.m. - A black motorcycle traveled well over 100 miles per hour and took off from a trooper on 495 and exited onto Andover Street in the area of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. Police sent. Only description given was a black motorcycle with an extremely loud muffler. Police checked the area with negative results.

Saturday, December 31

4:15 a.m. - A 911 call from the front desk reported female in the lobby crying after an argument with the other people at Extended Stay America. Police sent. Amanda Grondin, 31, of 1301 Middlesex St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs, three counts of possession class

E drugs, assault and battery, and threat to commit crime. Stephen Elliott, 35, of 24 Monarch St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with three counts of possess class B drugs, four counts of possession class E drugs, and possession class A drugs.

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported stolen strip at Market Basket North. He wore a black jacket and currently wrestling with the manager. Police sent. Nicholas Smith, 33, of 20 Middle St. in Stoneham, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200, a warrant for larceny motor vehicle, and a warrant for suspended license.

6:52 p.m. - Loss prevention reported two males shoplifters at Walmart. Police sent. Samuel Moreira, 19, of 35 Thornily St. in New Britain, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation, disorderly conduct, failure to stop for police, reckless operation of motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and contribute to delinquency of a child.

Sunday, January 1

6:48 a.m. - A motor vehicle parked in front of South Station at South Street and Main Street. The operator was sleeping. When he was woken up, he became agitated and quickly drove off. Police sent. They off with the vehicle. All units cleared and officer filed a report.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Woburn resident arrested for OUI - Liquor, speeding

Friday, December 23:

12:26 a.m.: Jon T. Delaney of 35 Sheridan St. in Woburn was arrested for OUI - Liquor (Second Offense), Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle. This followed a motor vehicle collision between the party's black 2015 Dodge Dart and a pole on Salem Street and Woburn Street. Verizon and Reading Light were notified, with the pole being determined to be sound after a wire was adjusted.

5:37 a.m.: A tree was reported as having fallen into a house on Woburn Street. The fire department responded.

9:36 a.m.: A caller reported that a moving company had been moving someone into a building on Evergreen Drive on Monday when the truck was parked next to their white 2005 Nissan Altima. The car was left damaged and a business card was left on the windshield, but the moving company denies they were at the complex.

4:49 p.m.: A tree was reported down on West

Street, having taken down primary wires and laying in the roadway. The power was out for the area as a result. Reading Light was called in and DPW set up signage to close the road down to traffic. Police assisted in controlling traffic until power was restored at 6:44 p.m.

Saturday, December 24:

1:41 a.m.: A caller reported a water main break on the sidewalk of Woburn Street and Concord Street. The DPW was informed of the issue.

10:07 a.m.: Germano DiMambro of 16 Old Cambridge Turnpike in Lincoln was issued a summons for Uninsured Motor Vehicle. This followed a stop of the party's green 2015 Honda CR-V on Harris Street.

4:07 p.m.: A caller at the Knights of Columbus on Middlesex Avenue reported they stated that they would not serve a customer and asked them to leave. The party refused to do so and began taking pictures, but was not violent. Police arrived and the party left willingly, advising members to take it up with management.

Sunday, December 25:

12:29 p.m.: A stove fire was reported on Arlene Avenue and the Fire Department was called to the scene. The flames were extinguished by the resident, but the fire department was left to resolve the situation.

1:44 p.m.: Police spoke to a resident on Dell Drive about their pumping of water into the road. Police found the resident was pumping water from their basement to their driveway and then into the road. They were advised by police and adjusted accordingly.

4:41 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred between a car and a deer on West Street. The deer took off into the woods and the vehicle was gone by the time police arrived.

Monday, December 26:

2:48 p.m.: A chimney fire was reported on Grove Avenue and the fire department was called out with heavy smoke coming from the roof. It was found that the fire was coming from a wood stove and the flames were spreading to the house. Police closed down the road and called in the DPW, water department, and Reading Light, opening the road again when all was clear.

8:00 p.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue and Mystic Avenue reported that they had heard five to six gunshots in the area. Police searched, but were unable to find anything.

9:50 p.m.: A caller on Allenhurst Way reported that someone had rung the doorbell and left a frozen fish on the porch,

possibly for a prank that ended up at the wrong house. Police retrieved the fish in a plastic bag and searched the area for the individuals responsible.

Tuesday, December 27:

11:29 a.m.: Shane Michael Sylvester of 280 Grove St., Apartment #1 in Manchester, New Hampshire was issued a summons for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Failure to Stop or Yield. This followed a motor vehicle collision between a silver 2017 Nissan Altima, black 2022 Dodge Durango, and a black 2009 Nissan Altima on Lowell St. and Woburn Street. One party complained of injury and two vehicles were towed.

12:05 p.m.: A station officer at the police department on Adelaide Street reported that two pills were found outside a cell in the cell block hallway, filing a report.

1:31 p.m.: A group of juveniles were reported fighting in the lobby of Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street. The manager then called back and reported that the group was no

longer fighting, but remained in the store. The fire department was called in for an evaluation while police transported a party back to the station to await his parents. All juveniles were picked up by their parents and issued a no trespass notice for the business.

Thursday, December 29:

11:18 a.m.: A caller on Marjorie Road reported that several vehicles in the area were egged, with surveillance footage showing activity at 1:05 a.m. The caller also reported that there was a basketball pole sleeve in the road that matched those at Yentile Recreational Facility on Cross Road. Police checked the area shortly after and found all sleeves intact at Yentile.

10:26 p.m.: A caller on Murray Hill Circle called seeking marriage advice.

11:19 p.m.: A resident on Woburn Street reported that they heard voices talking outside their home and people moving things outside, but police arrived and found they were merely hearing the highway.

### Jennifer Mills completes intensive research project

WORCESTER — Jennifer Mills, of Wilmington, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Biomedical Engineering (BS) at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Investigating the Viability of Stay Interviews at USPTO.

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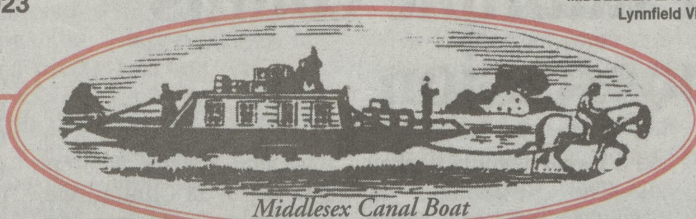
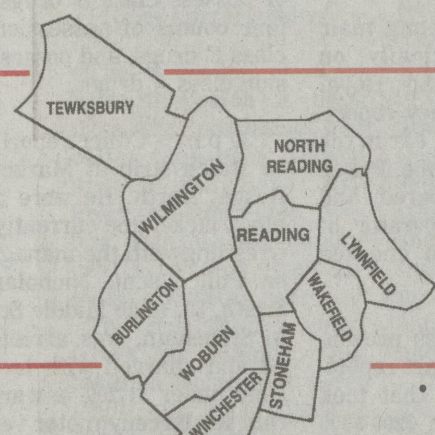
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Stoneham grad runs marathon to help amputees...

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By RYAN LAROCHE

The Boston Marathon bombings changed the lives of countless people, not to mention took the lives of several others including eight-year old Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell and Lü Lingzi. A fourth victim, Wilmington native and MIT Police Officer Sean Collier, was killed while he was on duty by the two men who planted the bombs. Those who survived still suffered severe damage to limbs with many people losing a leg and some even losing both.

The tragedy hit close to home in other ways as two brothers from Stoneham, JP and Paul Norden, also suffered greatly in the attack. However, from the ashes of despair rose a Phoenix in the form of A Leg Forever, a charity designed to help those affected by amputation and one started by the mother of the two Norden brothers, Elizabeth Norden.

This year, Stoneham resident and 2022 Stoneham High School graduate Giovanni Leone will compete in his first Boston Marathon to raise money for A Leg Forever. A current student at UMass Amherst studying biochemistry with a minor in math, Leone played football for the Spartans football team. He also ran indoor and outdoor track. At UMass Amherst, he joined a triathlon team and is currently also training for an iron man competition.

Leone said he chose to partner with A Leg Forever thanks to his cousin who previously raised money for the charity. He called it a "proud foundation" and is excited to

join in the fundraising effort. Although he admitted he's never run a marathon before, he noted how he's run ultra-marathons, meaning Boston shouldn't be too difficult to handle.

So far, the former track athlete has been running 10 miles a day and hopes to increase that to 20 miles soon. Although his cousin won't be running the marathon with him, he said a friend from college will. Both of them are members of the ROTC program (Reserve Officers Training Corp).

"It helps to have a friend with you," Leone said in regards to potential boredom from running 26.2 miles alone.

The two already train together at UMass.

So far, Leone raised \$1,000 out of the \$10,000 he hopes to raise by Marathon Monday. This year marks 10 years since the marathon bombings that took place on April 15, 2013. It will undoubtedly be a bittersweet moment for all involved.

"It's definitely significant," Leone said about the anniversary, adding how he

was around 10 years old when the bombings occurred and didn't really understand what happened. "I want to make sure people remember the victims are still suffering."

Though he's raising funds for the charity, he hasn't yet met anyone associated with it, but he said he hopes to one day. He said he feels a connection with the Norden brothers because they, too, played football for Stoneham High School.

"I'd love to meet them and see who I'm helping," he said about the marathon bombing victims.

To raise the additional \$9,000, Leone hopes to run a few bingo nights, continue to use social media and he hopes to reach out to LA Fitness in Stoneham, as well. Once he goes back to UMass Amherst in February, he said he wants to organize some races to help raise funds, too.

Although the Stoneham High School graduate has volunteered before, this is the first time he's ever tried

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

### The silent film era roars again in 'Babylon'

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

"Perhaps the ballyhoo meant nothing," Kevin Brownlow wrote in his defining history of the silent film era, "The Parade's Gone By..."

It's probably true that even avid moviegoers have increasingly drifted away from the films of what Brownlow called, with good reason, "the richest in cinema's history." In 1952, the Sight and Sound poll of critics had seven silents in the top 10 films of all time. The recent, much debated Sight and Sound list had just one.

In "Babylon," Damien Chazelle's feverish and sprawling celebration of those halcyon Hollywood days and their abrupt termination, the director of "La La Land" has, with orgiastic zeal, sought to bring back the ballyhoo.

Yet Chazelle's three-plus hour extravaganza isn't the dutiful, nostalgic ode you might expect of such a Tinseltown period piece. It's much messier and more interesting than that. In resurrecting the silent era and the onset of the talkies, "Babylon," like Stanley

Donen's "Singin' in the Rain" before it, has trained its focus on a transitional moment in moving images, painting a picture of how technological progress doesn't always equal improvement.

Here, in unrelenting excess and hedonism, is the manic, madcap energy of the movies and the crushing

maw of the medium's perpetual evolution. That early freewheeling frenzy is snuffed out (ironically) by the advent of sound and other forces that seek to domesticate the movies. In that way, "Babylon" may be most addressed to our current movie era.

Today's film industry is similarly wracked by forces

of change that may be sapping its big-screen verve. "Babylon" is about how the

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movies are always reborn, but brutally so. Though it may be a chaotic shamble, Chazelle's film makes this one point brilliantly clear: Cinema will be tamed for only so long; the parade will go on.

This is, to be sure, not a strictly accurate history. Chazelle has taken a "print the legend" approach to '20s Hollywood, drawing partly from the pre-code scandals and myths of Kenneth Anger's "Hollywood Babylon." His film, a romp and tragedy at once, is sometimes enthralling, often exhaustingly played at a manic pitch, careening from set piece to set piece. Striving to impress the wildness of the time, "Babylon" overdoes it, striking a cartoonish over-the-top note from the start, and then, for three hours, trying vainly to sustain its drug-fueled fever dream of bygone Hollywood. That makes for an overstuffed and — especially by the increasingly wayward third act — meandering film.

But it's also an insistently alive one that's hard to look away from, with flashes of brilliance. For a director known for more tasteful and sentimental excursions, "Babylon" is a lurid descent into debauchery. Sometimes it's an unnatural fit. It's too showy and too long. But Chazelle's film is something to reckon with, and the kind of ambitious swing that a young director of talent deserves credit for daring.

We start in Bel Air, which in 1926 is almost comically rural. In long groves of trees a fixer named Manny (Diego Calva, an arresting breakthrough) is cajoling workers to help him get an elephant up the hill for a mammoth party to be thrown by a movie mogul (Jeff Garlin). A spot on the guest list ("I heard something about Garbo," Manny

says to a policeman) is all he needs for most favors. In the film's first opening minutes — an avalanche of elephant excrement that cakes even the camera lens; at the mansion in the hills, a bacchanal of sex and cocaine — exist both the indulgence and grotesqueness of Hollywood.

The party scene seems designed to match or better Martin Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street" for extravagance. There's a riff here on the Fatty Arbuckle-Virginia Rappe scandal, but in the heady swirl, the only things that really register are Manny, a Mexican immigrant with dreams of rising in the industry, and Nellie La Roy (Margot Robbie, in an echo of her performance in "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood"), a young actress trying to break into the movies. She's sure of it. "You don't become a star," she tells Manny. "You either are one or you ain't."

In its ecstatic early scenes, "Babylon" throbs with their almost primal showbiz aspirations. "To be part of something bigger," Manny says. They're quickly on their way. Nellie is cast as a last-minute fill-in while Jack Conrad (Brad Pitt), a silent star in the Douglas Fairbanks mold, brings Manny along with him the next day to set. Each will make their nimble way up, with a widespread cast of characters swirling around, including a Black band leader (Jovan Adepo), a tuxedo-clad chanteuse named Lady Fay Zhu (a bewitching Li Jun Li) and gossip reporter Elinor St. John (Jean Smart, fabulous).

Nothing is quite as vivid in "Babylon" as its teeming studio of outdoor sets (care of production designer Florencia Martin) where Nellie and Manny each find themselves the day after the party. There is so much more to come after these scenes: the epochal arrival of "The Jazz Singer;" Nellie's farcical first try on a sound stage; a nighttime

dance with a poisonous snake; Jack's painful slide out of the limelight, followed by his come-to-Jesus moment with Elinor ("It's bigger than you," she tells him of the movies); a late misjudged plunge into a dark Los Angeles underworld with a mob boss played creepily by Tobey Maguire; a leap ahead to a 1950s movie theater playing "Singin' in the Rain." Some of these scenes (the sound stage, Elinor's moment) are terrific. Much is overcooked. "Babylon" is never quite rooted in either Nellie or Manny, whose arcs feel increasingly dictated by the film's real narrative engine, Hollywood history.

But the best of "Babylon" is there, a couple hours earlier, at the carnivalesque Kinoscope lot in the desert. It's a mad moviemaking nirvana, with films being shot all over and many of the participants women or people of color — a reminder that the early days of film were in some ways more open and inclusive than the Hollywood eras that came later. A Dorothy Azner-like filmmaker directs Nellie, who proves a natural. Up the hill, Manny strives to assist the sprawling sand-and-sword epic that's desperate to get one last shot before losing the light. "Babylon" is never so exhilarating as when sweat, luck and a chance butterfly conspire to make a moment of movie magic that's sealed with those divine words: "We got it."

"Babylon" a Paramount Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for strong and crude sexual content, graphic nudity, bloody violence, drug use, and pervasive language. Running time: 189 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Follow AP Film Writer Jake Coyle on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/jakecoyleAP>



**HOLLYWOOD BABYLON** - Margot Robbie, left, and Diego Calva in "Babylon" by Paramount Pictures. This three-plus hour extravaganza isn't the dutiful, nostalgic ode you might expect of such a Tinseltown period piece. It's much messier and more interesting than that.

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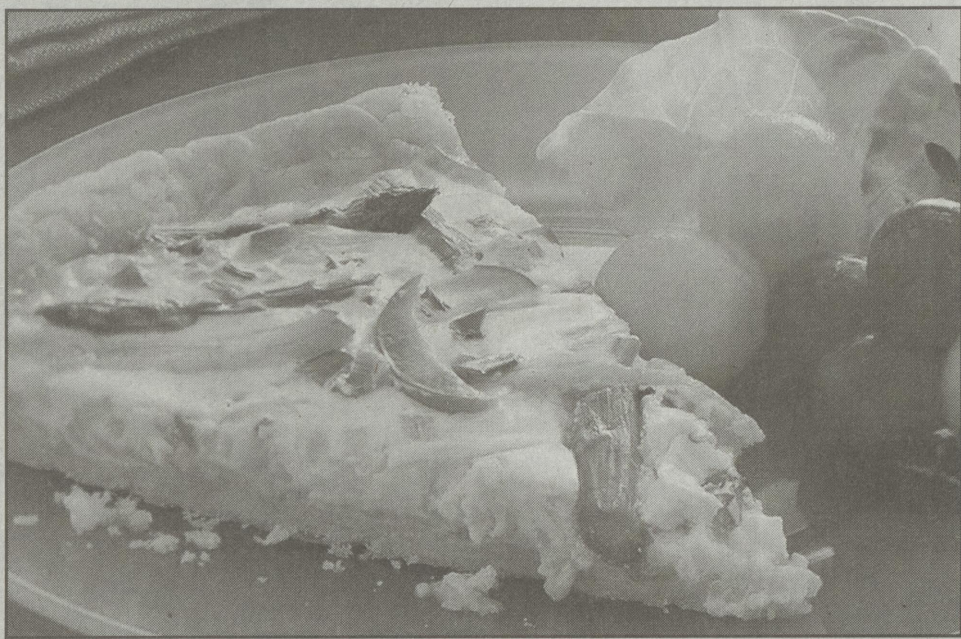
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2. Sprinkle cheese, bacon and asparagus evenly over baked crust. In medium bowl, beat eggs slightly with fork or wire whisk. Add sour cream and onions; beat until well blended. Spoon egg mixture evenly

over pizza.

3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean and edge is golden brown. Serve warm.

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- 1/2 cup 1-1/2-inch pieces fresh asparagus
- 3 eggs
- 1 container (8 oz) sour cream
- 2 medium green onions, chopped (2 tablespoons)

## RUNNING

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to raise money. He called it a "new learning experience," but expressed confidence he can reach his goal, especially with his family behind him.

As he's running for A Leg Forever, he's met some of the other people who'll also run for the charity, but he said he hopes to meet more including the founder, the mother of JP and Paul Norden. But it's not just the Norden brothers who inspired him to pursue this venture, as amputation hits close to home for Leone through his uncle.

He said his uncle suffered from an infection in his leg which needed to be amputated. While his uncle is moving forward in his recovery, Leone said, he continues to fight through it.

Assuming Leone is successful in his fundraising efforts (and why wouldn't he be), he said he plans to run again in the future. He noted how awesome it would be to see any of the marathon bombings sur-

vivors running (and some have previously participated).

A Leg Forever Charitable Foundation, Inc.

A Leg Forever Charitable Foundation was established by Elizabeth (Liz) Norden in honor of her two sons JP and Paul Norden who each lost a leg in the Boston Marathon bombings on April 15, 2013. The foundation's mission is to pay it forward and assist other Massachusetts resident amputees, who lost limbs under tragic circumstances, in their time of need just as JP and Paul were helped with overwhelming support following the marathon bombings.

The Boston Marathon bombings changed many families lives that horrific day; 264 people were injured and 16 lost limbs. Norden's sons JP and Paul each lost their right legs that day and came close to losing their lives. Her family's situation, although horrific, was also blessed with a tremendous amount of love, prayer, and

support of caring individuals from all over the world who reached out to lend a helping hand when their family needed it the most. Amputees from near and far came forward to show her sons support and share their stories of encouragement. Public donations and the One-Fund allowed her sons to afford the best prosthetic limbs available to which they are forever grateful.

Norden and her family hope to pay it forward by helping other amputees in need through fundraising efforts of A Leg Forever Charitable Foundation.

Prosthetic limbs are needed every three to five years for amputees. The costs range anywhere from \$50,000 to \$140,000 all depending on the make and model. Health Insurance varies and may only pay a portion of the cost. Sadly the amputee is responsible for the rest and many go without. A Leg Forever Charitable Foundation hopes to make a difference.

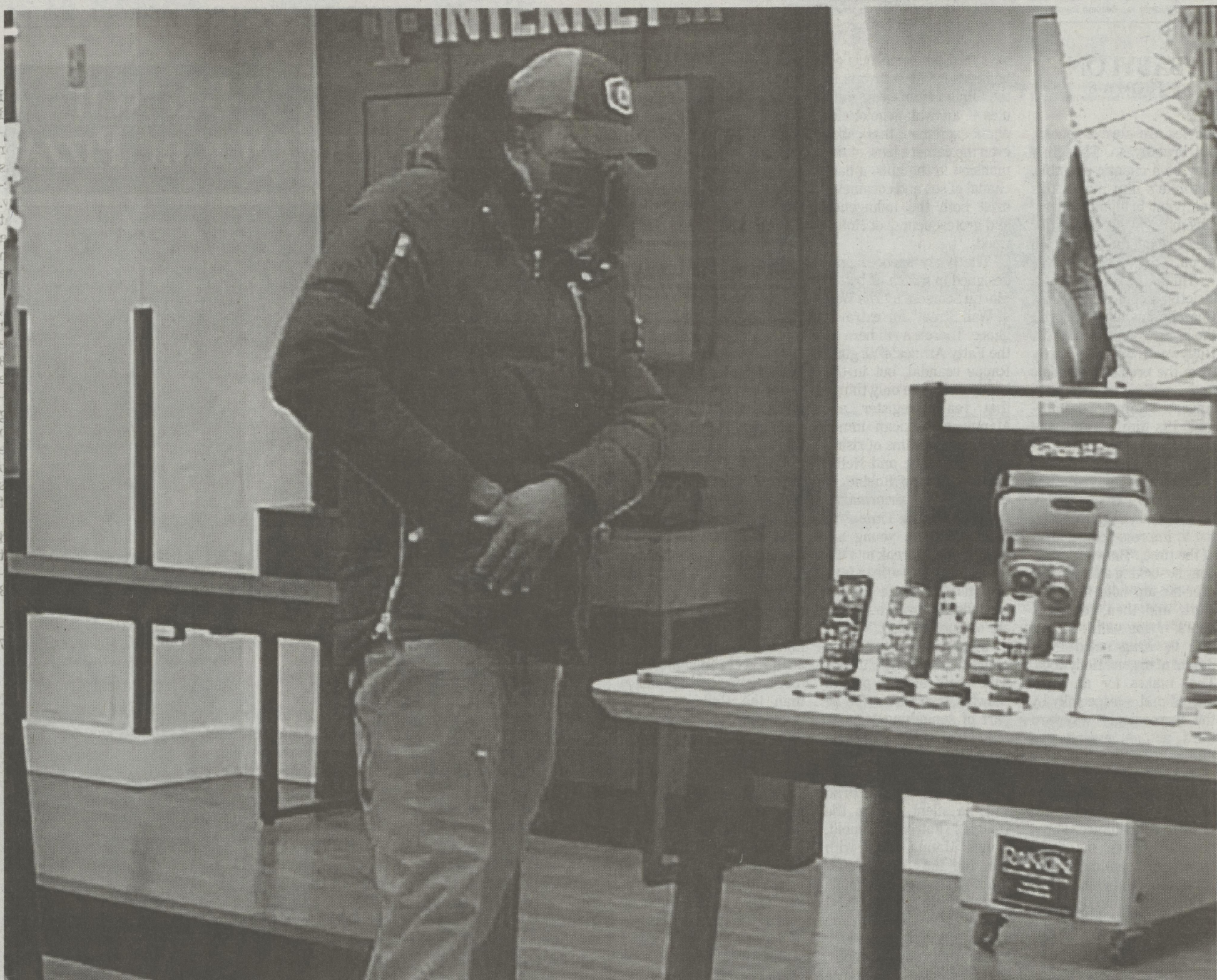
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## Police investigating theft at T-Mobile in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department is investigating the theft of almost \$6,000 worth of

electronics from a local cell phone store.

On Monday, Dec. 26, at approximately 7:38 p.m., Tewksbury Police responded to T-Mobile, 345

Main St., for a report of a theft in progress.

Responding officers learned from store employees that an individual entered the store, declined

an offer of assistance from employees, and then grabbed four iPhones and four Apple Watches before fleeing to the parking lot.

The estimated value of the phones and watches is \$5,929.

Responding officers canvassed the area around the store and checked video surveillance but they were unable to locate the

suspect.

A similar incident was reported at a T-Mobile store in a neighboring community about an hour earlier. Police are investigating whether the same suspect was involved in both incidents.

The suspect is described as a black male, about six feet, one inch tall, wearing a black puffy jacket, a

black and green hat, red sweatpants, black sneakers and a blue neck warmer over his face.

Tewksbury Police urge anyone who has information about this incident to call 978-851-7373. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call the tip line at 978-851-0175, or email: [tewks\\_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov).

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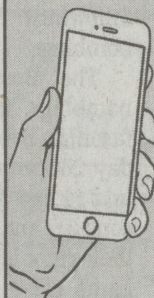
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# Three-member board continues most projects

By **LIZZY HILL**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Planning Board Chair Terence Boland announced at the beginning of their meeting this past Tuesday night that any vote including a special permit could not be taken up that night due to only three of the board members being present.

They first heard updates from Matthew Costa of Beales Associates who reported on behalf of 38 Upton Drive's sign special permit. He shared that they would be altering one of the proposed signs and providing better sightlines. The board moved to continue this project to their February meeting.

The representatives for the project also took the board's time to ask about conditions for their other request at 36-38 Upton Drive. Mainly, they wanted to be able to complete

the project and allow occupants to move in ahead of the MassDOT signal change, and the board hoped they could continue this discussion in February, also.

Later, the board approved the draft decisions for 38 Upton Drive's site plan review and stormwater management permit.

The parking relief special permit and site plan review for 99 Fordham Road was also continued. The representative for the project mentioned that the town completed the water main work that was stalling the last efforts per their existing building permit. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich clarified in response to a concerned resident that they asked to amend the conditions of the approval.

Regarding the subdivision at 6 Tobin Drive, the applicant explained that the goal was to subdivide

an existing residential lot of approximately 19 acres. He said that this would involve improving 700 feet of roadway on Day Street while maintaining buffer from the wetlands. The board continued this public hearing.

A decision was made for 40-50 Fordham Road that night considering the site plan review and stormwater management permit to accept the decisions as drafted.

Birch Street, Eagleview Drive, and 208 Main Street's projects were continued without discussion that night per the requests of their respective applicants. The board also tabled the vote to initiate a street acceptance for Green Meadow Drive considering the absence of two key board members.

Attorney Rob Peterson Jr. spoke up for the Cross Street site plan review, stormwater management permit, groundwater pro-

tection district special permit, inclusionary housing special permit, and multi-family housing special permit. He brought up their approval from the Conservation Commission and to be delivered traffic review and sewer analysis. Again, the board continued this public hearing to their next meeting.

Matthew Costa returned for 800 Salem St. to name updates after review from TEC and the town engineer including adding a left turn lane, landscaping, and room for a potential sidewalk. Gingrich asked for a drawing of their potential signs before the board voted to continue.

Robert Peterson Sr. represented RMLD that night regarding site plan review, stormwater management permit, and parking relief special permit at 326 Ballardvale St. He shared that the hydraulic analysis was in process and

that Deputy Police Chief Pozzi accepted the fire hydrant location. Gingrich indicated that Town Engineer Paul Alunni was still reviewing the most updated plans.

Attorney Michael Dolan, on behalf of DISH Wireless LLC, brought three proposals to the board that night for antennas. The antennas to be put up at 625 Main St. and 377 Ballardvale St. were approved with the assurance that the equipment was already within the compound and no new generators would be installed.

For 26 Upton Drive, Gingrich passed along the town's request for a structural review, so this site plan review was continued.

The board voted to endorse the plan for 41 Westdale Avenue's non-conforming lot special permit.

Gingrich lastly walked the board through several

cases for the Zoning Board of Appeals. She listed some of the town's concerns given to the ZBA for 100-104 West St. such as traffic mitigation, fire access, and sewer capacity. Boland maintained that the board couldn't give a formal recommendation that night, to which the other members agreed.

Regarding Polk Street, Gingrich explained that the applicant asked the ZBA to amend their 2008 relief permit to avoid the roadway improvement process via the Planning Board. The board came to the consensus that the applicant should have to go through the process as is typical for this kind of project.

Gingrich also mentioned that the fire department was in favor of the addition of egress stairs at 353 Middlesex Ave.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.



▲ Structure fire on Lowell Street in Wilmington

## 2-alarm fire on Lowell Street on Sunday night

WILMINGTON — Fire department personnel responded to a 2-alarm fire on Lowell Street in Wilmington on Sunday night.

According to reports, a barn, recently converted to residential, office and storage space, caught fire. Crews from Woburn, Reading, Stoneham, Tewksbury, and North Reading assisted at the scene while Burlington and Andover covered the station.

Fire Chief William Cavanaugh said the owner of the structure was home at the time, but reported no injuries to either him nor any firefighters.

It took approximately an hour

and a half to extinguish the blaze. The chief said the layout of the barn made it more difficult to control the fire.

"That was a hindrance to us," the chief told local media outlets.

Chief Cavanaugh added: "There was significant damage" to the barn, but added it's not a total loss.

However, he admitted there was significant loss of personal property due to both the fire itself and smoke and water damage.

Fire officials including from the state fire marshal's office continue to investigate the cause of the fire.



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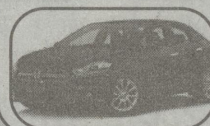
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**2019 Honda Pilot EX-L AWD** \$31,498

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35 Lantern Ln was sold to Sacco, Joseph by Wagner, Lisa M for \$450,000 on 12/15/22

35 Purity Springs Rd was sold to Kassou, Mohammed and Younes, Houyame by Purity Springs Road RET and Tambone, Patricia L for \$550,000 on 12/12/22

53 Skilton Ln was sold to Flaherty, Brendan H by Iannuzzi, Marybeth for \$590,000 on 12/15/22

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14 Locksley Rd was sold to Locksley T and Jovanovic, Svetlana by Bienkowski, Michael J and Crile, Roseann A for \$1,190,000 on 12/12/22

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41 Vokes Ter was sold Osullivan, Michael J by Lopilato, Frances G and Lopilato, Marites for \$850,000 on 12/16/22

### NORTH READING

9 Audubon Rd was sold to Shaw, Kayla by Shaw, Kayla and Addesa, Joseph for \$35,000 on 12/12/22

22 Eames St was sold to Bradbuilt Const Co LLC by Corbett RT and Hartery, Andrew W for \$500,000 on 12/14/22

188 Haverhill St was sold to Jamula, Matthew and Jamula, Abigail by Cummings, Kathleen T and Cummings, William P for \$1,020,000 on 12/16/22

44 Main St #11 was sold Daher, Sam by Keane, Robert for \$206,500 on 12/16/22

6 Poplar Ter was sold Shaw, Kayla by Shaw, Kayla and Addesa, Joseph for \$35,000 on 12/12/22

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17 Harnden St was sold to Jala Hospitality LLC by BH Waltham 2 LLC for \$6,500,000 on 12/13/22

544 Haverhill St was sold to Cadogan, Julie A by Clarke, Sheila and Scouten, Lynne for \$690,000 on 12/15/22

17 Johnson Woods Dr #17 was sold to Kade, Neil A and Kade, Amy by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$1,325,000 on 12/16/22

18 Laurel Ln was sold to Macdonnell, William C and Copp, Beth A by Young Joseph S Est and Young, Michael for \$599,900 on 12/16/22

7 Libby Ave was sold to Liu, Eric H by G&Dorothy Solomon IRT and Solomon, Derald A for \$550,000 on 12/14/22

18 Libby Ave was sold to 18 Libby Ave LLC by Winter, Karen E for \$510,000 on 12/15/22

605 Summer Ave #1-34 was sold Rossa, Timothy J by Timothy J McCarthy RET and McCarthy, John M for \$290,000 on 12/16/22

17 Wakefield St was sold to Oregan, James and Oregan, Kimberly by Plansky FT and Plansky, William M for \$805,000 on 12/12/22

314 West St was sold to Masse, David by Scribner Elaine K Est and Zwicker, Denise for \$565,000 on 12/13/22

53 Zachary Ln was sold to Baroee, Ali and Mirkarimi, Shaghayegh by Coleman, Christopher E and Coleman, Malary D for \$1,125,000 on 12/12/22

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2 Birch St was sold to Sacks, Matthew and Sacks, Marilyn by Czar FT and Hogan, Ellen for \$614,900 on 12/13/22

200 Ledgewood Dr #304 was sold Eustace FT and Eustace, Steven M by Lavino, Denise for \$440,000 on 12/15/22

18 Nixon Ln was sold to Santos, Gilmar A by Arribasplata, Manuel J and Arribasplata, Ana C for \$930,000 on 12/15/22

157 Spring St was sold to Desouza, Otoniel F and Souza, Claudia B by Feola, Josephine for \$529,000 on 12/15/22

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102 Apache Way #102 was sold Botelho, Anthony M and Botelho, Amanda C by Blankenship Dorothy Est and Blankenship, Linda G for \$335,000 on 12/16/22

120 Deering Dr was sold to Tamayo, Byron by John S&M I Coleman NT and Coleman, Sheila for \$500,000 on 12/12/22

1768 Main St was sold to Plaza Al Fresca LLC by 1768 Main Street RT and Aubut Jr, Joseph A for \$5,000,000 on 12/16/22

2493 Main St was sold to Kibuthu, Nancy by 2493 Main Street LLC for \$585,000 on 12/14/22

142 North St was sold to Ackerman, James L by Riddle, Desiree and Riddle, Matthew P for \$650,000 on 12/15/22

51 Sciarappa Way was sold Duhigg, Sean M and Johnson, Amy M by J&D Realty T and Mcbrine Jr, John J for \$787,000 on 12/15/22

1315 Shawsheen St was sold to Stimpson INT and Stimpson, Wesley E by Green, Patricia M for \$374,000 on 12/16/22

1445 Shawsheen St was sold to Kornacki, Stan P by Kornacki, Stan P and Kornacki, Jenessa E for \$141,000 on 12/14/22

110 Terramor Dr was sold to Torname, Justin W and Scaramuzzo, Jessica by AMG Development LLC for \$994,900 on 12/16/22

140 Whipple Rd was sold to Correia, Tome and Correia, Margarida by Kusmaul Jr, Martin W for \$570,000 on 12/14/22

1489 Whipple Rd was sold to Williams, Eric M and Jackson, Debra by 1489 Whipple Road RT and Torode, Jennifer L for \$740,000 on 12/15/22

50 Winter Ln #50 was sold Kristen Lombardi RET and Lombardi, Kristen J by Balch, Eric D for \$585,000 on 12/13/22

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5 Bennett St #2 was sold to Berlinski, Lisa by 5 Bennett Street RT and Barrett, David H for \$810,000 on 12/16/22

8 Hickory Hill Rd was sold to Graves RET and Graves, John H by Papa RT and Bergman, Janis M for \$670,000 on 12/16/22

105 Hopkins St was sold to AG MP Wakefield Vista by NFMU WVA LLC for \$35,000,000 on 12/15/22

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3 Kathleen Dr was sold to Kulkarni, Bhushan and Kulkarni, Manasi by Diplatzi Realty LLC for \$1,460,000 on 12/16/22

15 Lafayette St #3 was sold Sullman, Michael by Diamant, Michael L for \$345,000 on 12/13/22

382 Lowell St #204B was sold LMN LLC by Joseph E McGurn LT and Ryan, Robert for \$77,500 on 12/16/22

974 Main St #14 was sold Hernandez, Alicia R by Cai, Yuling and Chen, Xi for \$489,000 on 12/13/22

361 Salem St was sold to 361 Salem St Wakefield by Digregorio FT and Bragg, Joseph J for \$360,000 on 12/16/22

538-R Salem St was sold to Bernard, Jocelane Lby Roberts Anita Louise Est and Knudsen, James R for \$600,000 on 12/16/22

34 Woodbriar Rd was sold to Pezzano, Peter and Pezzano, Melissa by Hill, Christine J and Hill, Denis J for \$659,000 on 12/14/22

### WILMINGTON

34 Cary St was sold to Guardado, Catherine L and Guardado, Roberto I by Scurto, Michael and Scurto, Aileen for \$705,000 on 12/12/22

4 Davis Rd was sold to Vasquez, Michele D by Lacasse, Janice for \$575,000 on 12/13/22

82 Lowell St was sold to Downs, Stephen F by Bertwell, William L for \$60,000 on 12/16/22

168 Lowell St #7 was sold Joseph A Langone LT and Langone, Joseph A by 168 Lowell Street LLC for \$644,900 on 12/12/22

54 Marcia Rd was sold to Kiss, Adam and Nguyen, Tam T by Helen M Shea RET and Frackleton, Patricia M for \$579,000 on 12/16/22

4 McDonald Rd was sold to Zanatta, Joao P and Zanatta, Kerri by Davidson-Bonugli, Denise and Bonugli, Jay L for \$590,000 on 12/13/22

190 Middlesex Ave was sold to Herrmann, Brad and Herrmann, Melanie by Cavanaugh, Jillian M for \$775,000 on 12/14/22

20 Oxbow Dr was sold to Barrows, Josh and Barrows, Meghan E by Reynolds, Virginia V for \$625,000 on 12/15/22

453 Shawsheen Ave was sold to Peters, Danielle and Golden, Nicholas by Pelletier, Jason T and Pelletier, Vannasang for \$580,000 on 12/13/22

65 Wildwood St was sold to Vitale Jr, Daniel P and Sousa, Kemberly by Curley, Kristine and Curley, Joseph

for \$685,000 on 12/14/22

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195 Cambridge St was sold to Xue, Ran and Ling, Jie by 195 Cambridge Street LLC for \$1,800,000 on 12/16/22

48 George Rd #48 was sold Vasilev, Viktor and Georgieva, Kristina by Norton, Lynne E for \$700,000 on 12/12/22

5 Wellington Rd was sold to Bouboulis, Mihail by Patricia M Norberg T and Norberg, Patricia M for \$1,050,000 on 12/14/22

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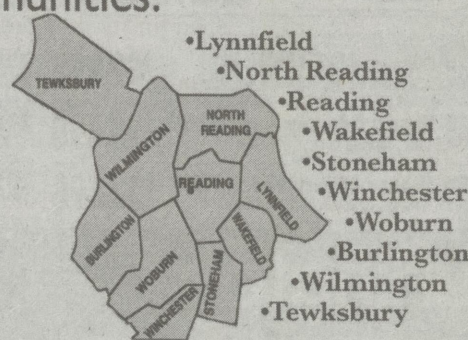
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Wilmington Town Crier's 28th annual

# Male Athlete of the Year: Nate Alberti

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WILMINGTON - This year marks the 28th annual Wilmington Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year. Of the previous picks, there's nine who are already inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame, and there's two on the list who went on to play at a Division 1 collegiate program and a handful of honorees who went on to play at a Division-2 collegiate program, including last year's selection Gavin Erickson, who is playing lacrosse at Seton Hill University in Pennsylvania.

This year's choice, Nathan Alberti may not have the accolades and accomplishments that some of the others earned during their careers, but is one of the selected few who will play at a Division 2 college program next year. Like his buddy Erickson, Alberti has received a partial athletic scholarship to play lacrosse at St. Anselm College. He will become the second member of his family to compete at the New Hampshire school as his older brother Garrett is a current member of the ice hockey team.

If you ask Nate, going to St. A's had nothing to do with older brother, but getting involved with lacrosse and ice hockey had everything to do with Garrett.

"He started playing hockey first and I did whatever he did (as a kid). He started playing hockey so I joined hockey.

He started lacrosse and then I joined lacrosse. I was always a lot better in lacrosse than he was so maybe that's why I like it so much because I'm finally better than him at something," said Nate with a laugh.

The two of them are the younger brothers to older sister Thea, who just wrapped up a great soccer career at Colby-Sawyer, where she served as a captain, was named to the Senior Bowl and to the All-Region Third Team.

"It was fun growing up with them. I always wanted to play hockey with my brother and whatever he did, I tried to do. Our styles are really opposite. He's more of a playmaker and I like scoring," said Nate. "We all get along, we're all pretty similar. We're all competitive, very competitive. My sister might be the most competitive out of all of us. Maybe not anymore, but at the time when she was in high school, she definitely was."

While Thea and Garrett are known more for being play-makers, Nate is a scorer. This past winter, he led the boys hockey team in scoring with 9 goals and 7 assists, which included a four-goal game in the team's overtime win over Melrose. Then in the spring, he broke what's believed to be a WHS Boys Lacrosse program record with 63 goals in a season. He was instrumental in the team's historical season, which included a dramatic come from behind state

tournament win over Groton-Dunstable, the first playoff win in program history, before losing to Hanover in the second round.

Before the lacrosse season started, Alberti, a junior at the time, was named one of the three captains, along with Erickson and Jon Rhind, another senior who has since graduated.

"I think they all contribute in different ways," said head coach Jeff Keefe to the Town Crier's Mike Ippolito before the season. "Gavin and Berti definitely lead by example and making sure they work well with each other and lead the players on the field. John is a little more vocal for us. He does a great job of getting the guys fired up and motivated. Their combined strengths and what they can contribute makes for a great trio of captains, so we definitely want to watch them lead and have them take us to the next level."

That he/they did.

## A SPECIAL SEASON

In 2021, the boys' lacrosse team started out 0-6 during the abbreviated COVID season, only to turn things around and finish 5-7 overall. Almost the same thing happened this past year. The 'Cats started out 0-3 and 1-4 before completely turning around and finishing the regular season with a 9-9 overall record.

"We always have a tough start playing those teams from (the Liberty Division). Some of those



The 2022 Town Crier's choice for Male Athlete of the Year is Nate Alberti, who broke a program record in lacrosse with 63 goals, and also led the ice hockey team in scoring, including scoring four goals in one game. (file photo/Bob DeChiara).

teams that we play against are really good. We had a couple of real good players who really moved the ball good. I think we were 1-4 to start the season and then we ended the season at .500," said Alberti.

Throughout the winning

streak, the team's offense was running much better with Erickson and Michael Lawler, and defensively Bobby Cyr and Owen Mitchell were holding down the fort. Meanwhile No. 16 seemed to get sneak his way into becoming the team's

main threat offensively.

"Our offense was really run through Lawler and Gavin," he said, before later on in the conversation adding that he's excited about this upcoming season with Lawler

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# And the Female Athlete of the Year: Olivia Wingate

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ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA/WILMINGTON - Back in December of 2016, Olivia Wingate was named the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year. During that calendar season, she netted 17 goals as a member of the two-win girls hockey team and then was one of the top soccer players in the entire state, leading the girls' soccer team to an unbeaten regular season and league championship title.

In December of 2019, a panel of 10 sportswriters/coaches and fans voted Wingate as the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Decade. She earned that honor mostly for her soccer career, which included two years at WHS, playing two years for the US National Under 16 and Under 18 teams, and then moving on to earn a full athletic scholarship to play two years of Division 1 college soccer at the prestigious Notre Dame University.

Now three years later (pretend the story came out last week) in December of 2022, Wingate was named the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year once again. This past fall, she finished up an absolutely incredible soccer season at Notre Dame. She was named to the All ACC team as a striker, and to the ACC All-Academic team. She was also named a third team All-American, after helping the team finish 17-3-3 overall, which included winning three games in the NCAA Tournament, before falling to UNC, 2-0, in the quarterfinal round.

Next week, on January 12th, the National Women's Soccer League will be holding its draft and it's highly expected that Wingate will be chosen by one of the 12-teams. If that does indeed happen, she'll become the first female athlete to play professional soccer in the United States. Back in 2010, former WHS and UMass Lowell standout Kat Strazzere played one year in Finland.

In the eyes of the Town Crier, Wingate is one of the four all-time greatest

female athletes in Wilmington history. Both Jeanne Ashworth (skating) and Megan Donnelly (field hockey) competed in the Olympics, and then Lisa Cutone played both field hockey and tennis at Harvard University. Certainly what Wingate accomplished at WHS and then Notre Dame, puts her in that elite company.

"I think Olivia is arguably one of the best athletes Wilmington High School has ever seen," said WHS girls soccer coach Sue Hendee, back

in 2016. "What people like best about her, is not her ability to score goals, but how she is as a teammate. She's extremely humble. No one has ever said a bad word about her. I think they are just so surprised how team-oriented she plays all of the time."

In her two years of high school, Wingate helped lead Wilmington to a combined 33-0-3 regular season record with two league titles. She played in just half the season as a junior coming back from an injury and scored

12 goals in 10 games. She missed six games as a senior to compete for the US National team and scored 17 goals and added 5 assists in just 13 games. For her efforts, she was named the Middlesex League Division 2, the Lowell Sun, the Eastern Mass and Massachusetts Division 2 Player of the Year, as well as both a Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic.

## THE FINAL RUN

In 2018, Wingate, a freshman at the time, appeared in all 18 games for the Fighting Irish, made seven starts and scored her first collegiate goal in a road game at Butler and added another in a comeback win over Cincinnati.

As a sophomore, she played in all 21 games, starting 13 and finished with two goals and one assist. She netted tallies against St. John's and then netted the lone goal in a huge 1-1, double overtime tie with Duke University.

In 2020, as a junior, the team played just 11 games due to COVID. She finished that season with one goal coming against Miami.

In 2021, she really upped her game a few levels. She started all 22 games, finished third on the team in goals with seven and third on the team in points with 19, including tied for second in assists with five. She had a number of big goals, including the equalizer against Purdue in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. She was named to the Third Team All-ACC, to the United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-Region and to the ACC All-Academic Team.

Then came this year, where she put it all together and had an absolutely incredible season.

"For Olivia, I'm just super proud of her. It wasn't always easy for her. Some players who reach her level, where she got to this past year, they start off at a pretty high point, but she really had to work at it," said ND head coach Nate Norman. "She persevered, she went through obstacles, she went through adversities and over the last couple of years, especially this past year, it all came together because of all of her hard work, her dedication and motivation. She is a relentless worker. Anybody can see her natural speed and athleticism, but it's rare that you have that kind of athleticism combined with someone who is willing to work that hard, to press and also defend as well as she does and be that complete player."

On the season, Wingate finished with 14 goals and 5 assists coming in 23 games. She ranked second on the team in goals, second in assists, first in shots and had three game winning goals. Notre Dame outscored teams 56-16 and she had 40 percent of the goals.

Wingate helped Notre Dame finish the regular season with a 13-2-2 overall record. In the ACC Tournament, they topped No. 6 Pittsburgh, 2-1, in penalty kicks, before losing to No. 2 ranked Florida State, 4-3 in penalty kicks.

From there, ND was seed No. 1 in the NCAA Tournament and knocked

WINGATE B4W



The Town Crier's selection for the 2022 Female Athlete of the Year is Olivia Wingate, who was second on the Notre Dame University women's soccer team in scoring and helped lead the Fighting Irish to a deep NCAA Tournament run. (courtesy photo/NDU).



## After 9 years (16 total), Hackett resigns as tennis coach

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WILMINGTON - Tough decisions are never easy and never fun to make. You hope in the end that you make the right one. For Matt Hackett, he knows his decision to step down as the Wilmington High School girls' tennis coach is the right choice for him and his family, but it certainly didn't come lightly.

Before this past August, Hackett was a full-time social studies teacher at WHS, the girls' tennis coach, a husband and a father. Then things changed when he landed a new position at the high school as the department head for the CTL (Collaborative for Teaching and Learning) program. When he landed the new gig, he thought for sure that he could still handle being the tennis coach come spring time.

"My wife picked up more hours at her job last spring and we put a lot on my mother with our girls," explained Hackett. "She was going to do it again and I had planned on coming back (to coach). The department head thing was what put (my decision) over the edge. When I got that new position in August, my mindset was 'I've got this. I can pull this off and things will be fine'. Then a couple of people said to me 'are you sure?' and in typical fashion, I said 'everything will be fine, no problem'. Very slowly over the four months it started to hit me that, while I could do it, I'm going to be running into schedule conflicts and that's going to be embarrassing as the department head's end and it'll be embarrassing on the tennis end."

"Just mentally, there's just so much bandwidth that you have. Would I be fully, fully mentally invested in what I needed to do for the girls on the court? It just started to come to me slowly that it might not be the best thing for me, and for the team sadly."

The ultimate professional in every manner, Hackett still wrestled with the idea of being Super Man and pulling off being in three places at once.

"I had two emails that I had drafted to (interim athletic director) Dennis (Ingram) and both times I hit x-out," said Hackett with a laugh. "I was asking him if he was around to talk and both times I hit x-out so I could go home and think about it more. Coaching is not an easy thing to step away from. I talked to him back in November and said 'look, I'm thinking about this and I just wanted to give you a heads-up that it could be happening' and he was just phenomenal and so supportive. He said to take my time, think it over and make sure I do what's best for myself and my family. After knowing what he just gave up as the basketball coach to become the Athletic Director, he understood, one-hundred percent. He couldn't have been any nicer about it."

Hackett's first gig as a coach came in 2003, when he was named the new WHS Boys Tennis coach. He held that position until 2009, resigning after his first child was born. After a four-year break, Hackett came back to coaching as former girls' coach Kevin Welch resigned after his 10-year stint.

Hackett spent nine years but eight seasons (minus the missed COVID season in 2020) as the girls' coach. He compiled an overall record of 43-92, which included three of most successful years in



After nine years, including guiding the 'Cats to three of the best seasons in program history, Matt Hackett has resigned as the head coach of the WHS Girls Tennis team. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

program history from 2017-'19.

"Coming back to coach girls after coaching the boys team was such an unexpected second chance of coaching because I had given up the boys after my first child was born. I wasn't sure having no experience coaching girls with how it would go, but I quickly, quickly realized that coaching girls, although it brings some challenges, was just such a phenomenal experience," he said. "I'm going to remember the kids, and I'm going to remember the young athletes that I worked with more than anything. That's what made it so hard to step down. The last thing I wanted to do was step inside the room and tell the girls that 'I'm sorry I won't be back'. I just felt like I was letting them down."

"We had some winning seasons, had some program records and that sort of things, but at the end of the day, those girls for nine years and those teams all made it so much fun to come to practice and matches every day. There wasn't one group, not one of them, could I say was bad chemistry or didn't get along or didn't care about one another. They all just welcomed me with open arms and treated me better than I ever could have asked for and treated each other with so much kindness. That's what I'm going to remember the most and I hope the girls remember that the most, too."

Over the course of the nine years, the team certainly had its ups and downs in terms of wins and losses, including four seasons of either one of two wins, but that never took away the tremendous leadership that was displayed year-after-year.

"I had so many great captains over the years. When you inherit kids like Sophie Serna, Erin Hurley and Christina D'Ambrosio your first year, those kids were not only good athletes, but they just had that 'Eye of the Tiger' kind of mentality to them. They were dedicated kids, who made it just so easy for me to transfer from Kevin (Welch) to myself," said Hackett. "Rachel Cummings, Bridget Cadogan and Alyssa Fricia, who was one of the best captains that a coach could ever, ever ask for - Christina Woods and you can just go down the line. I just kept getting handed such great leaders."

"As most teams, they all provided different kinds of leadership styles and had different personalities, but that was one thing that I was never lacking. I always had one or two kids who I could always turn to (to address anything the team needed). There were never any big problems, but the maturity, the leadership from all of the girls, yeah I was very lucky."

In the first three years on the job, the Wildcats had a combined record of 7-43. Then year four came around and history was made. The Wildcats finished with an overall record of 12-7, which included what's believed

to be either the first or second state tournament win in program history with a 3-2 thriller over North Andover, before falling to Wayland, 4-1.

The next season, the 'Cats finished 11-6 again in the regular season and again lost to Wayland, 4-1 in the state tournament. Then in 2019, the 'Cats finished 11-5 and lost a heart-breaking 3-2 match to Newburyport in the first round of the tournament.

"(That run) was pretty special. Wilmington Tennis doesn't normally have three-year streaks like that very often. Obviously the run that we went on, the girls set records in couple of different areas (between) making the state tournament three years in a row, winning what we believe is the first state tournament match. Those three years brought on a different atmosphere with the team obviously," said Hackett. "We had high expectations for ourselves and we were focused on self improvement and not always focus on those wins and losses. When we had those teams, it was fun and very special."

"Emily Hill and Sam Margioglio led the way there for No. 1 and No. 2 singles. Emily is a generational player as we all know, but Sam also had a big part of that. Christina Woods had a big part of that and there were a lot of athletes who contributed to that team from top to bottom. Even though you have the different relationships, we're all competitive and that was very fun especially getting back to some of those teams who handed it to you in the other years."

Like any departing coach, there's some well-deserved public thanks that need to be made.

"I go back to thank (former principal) Eddie Woods and (former athletic director) Jimmy Gillis. They were the ones who got me into coaching in the first place back with the boys team," said Hackett. "They trusted me in that situation so if I hadn't done that, I don't know if I would have coached the girls team. I also have to thank (former athletic director) Eddie Harrison. He's just one of the best Athletic Directors you could ever work for because of his unconditional support. I was excited to work for Dennis and I think he's going to do a great job. I obviously have to thank my family, who all put up with a lot over those nine years. They all made such huge sacrifices to make it all work."

"I have to thank (boys tennis coach) Rob (Mailey). I feel like I couldn't have done a lot of the things as a coach without him. He's an amazing resource, a phenomenal human being, such a professional, a wealth of knowledge and we worked really well together. We ran ideas and situations off of each other."

"Emotionally, I wish I could thank (the late Town Crier sportswriter) Mike Ippolito. Working

and talking to him every week, he made me and my team feel like we were the New England Patriots. He would ask the questions and the way he was prepared to ask them, the enthusiasm in which he asked them and the way he framed everything in such a positive manner, he made what could have been an annoying part of your week, like a really good ten or fifteen minutes every week for (16 years). God rest his soul and I just want to thank him for being so kind to me and supportive of my program."

Overall, Hackett, 42, spent 16 years as either the boys or girls tennis coach. His first year back in 2003 was five years after he graduated from WHS and was a two-year starter for the boys team. After graduating from Merrimack College, he returned to his alma mater as a teacher and a coach at the young age of 23.

"Being 23 years old and coaching in some ways had its bonuses in terms of being closer to the age of the kids and understanding their world a little bit better. Over the years, you really learn to take each situation in stride better and really see the bigger picture," he said. "When you're younger, you really get caught up in every moment and every situation, so being able to step back and see the big picture (was one thing I have learned). And secondly, if I could go back and do that again, coach at 23 years old, I would bring more of the mental aspect of the game to my coaching. I learned over the years how important that is with all sports and you can't take that for granted. You want to try to keep kids steady on the court."

"And maybe I should have had the boys run a little bit more," he added with a laugh.

While Hackett said he should have had the boys run more, his boss, Ingram will now be running to find a replacement sooner than later.

"It's tough to see Matt go. I've known him for a long time and he cares a lot about coaching, the kids and the program so I know it was a very difficult decision for him. He went back-and-forth. He really wanted to continue to do it but only if he could give the appropriate commitment to it," said Ingram. "He kept going back and forth on it because he wanted to make sure that he could give everything to the program and that the kids deserve (and in the end, he knew he couldn't). I know it was a tough decision for him and we'll miss him without a doubt. He's a great guy and an absolute professional in every aspect of everything he does."

Ingram went on to say that the tennis position has been posted already and he's hoping to do interviews soon, while adding that later this month, he expects to post both the varsity golf and varsity girls soccer positions.

## Boys Track team makes it two in a row

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BOSTON - After winning its first meet of the season back on December 22nd, the Wilmington High School boys' indoor track-and-field team upped that mark to two in a row to establish a short winning streak with a convincing 69-30 win over Watertown held on Friday morning at the New Balance Facility.

Wilmington is now 2-1 on the season.

"It was a strong meet against Watertown. Watertown does not have much depth but they have a few strong athletes in certain events," said Wildcat head coach Mike Kinney.

Wilmington won nine events on the day which is obviously the big news from the meet, but the fact that Noah Carriere in the 600, Jon Magliozzi in the dash and Sean Patrone in the high jump remain undefeated on the season.

Carriere won the 600 with a time of 1:29.77 and he was also a part of the winning 4x400 relay team along with Aiden Burke, Nick Atwater and Roman Moretti, who came in at 3:44.22.

"Noah Carriere ran in the 600 and qualified for the state meet. He is undefeated and has been pretty much unchallenged. His pacing is getting much better and should be cutting down his time significantly moving into the second half of the season," said Kinney.

While Carriere figured in 6.25 of the team's points on the day, Magliozzi was busier as he was first in both the 55-meter dash (7.03) and the long jump (18-6), while he was part of the winning 4x200 relay race along with Hunter Sands, Sean Patrone and Matt Steinmetz, who had a collective time of 1:38.18.

"Jon Magliozzi had two individual wins and ran the fastest split for the winning 4x200 team. We had a lot of athletes out with last minute illnesses so those who did compete had to make off for missing contributors," said Kinney.

In addition, Moretti also won the 1,000 at 2:57.78, Steinmetz took the 300 at 40.54 seconds, Patrone was first in the high jump clearing 5-4 and third in the 55-meter hurdles at 11.42 seconds, Sands was

first in the hurdles at 9.82 and second in the high jump clearing 5-4, and then Burke added a second in the 600 (1:36.58) and a third in the long jump (16-1).

"Steinmetz in the 300 and the 4x200 ran very well. Hunter Sands scored eight points with a win in the hurdles and a second in high jump. Sean Patrone remains undefeated in the high jump," said Kinney.

In the distance events, Wilmington was led by Dean Ciampa, who won the mile at 5:03.64 and Gavin Dong, who was second in the two-mile at 11:22.30.

"Gavin Dong and Dean Ciampa ran great races as they faced off against a good Watertown distance runner in the mile and two mile. They stuck with him, made him work and they beat him at the end. They have aggressive mindsets when it comes to racing. They don't shy away from challenges. That is a valuable attribute to have, and it will help as they progress in the sport," said Kinney.

Rounding out the scoring included Jonathan Foresyth taking third places in both the dash (7.39) and the 300 (41.8), and then other thirds came from Brayden Gorski in the mile (5:20.76), Nathan Cardin in the 1,000 (3:22.0), Vihbush Sivakumar in the two-mile (11:46.64) and Braden Huddleston in the shot put (32-4.25).

Overall, the entire program had a strong day, all competing in such a beautiful venue.

"Lots of JV athletes competed at the New Balance track for the first time. It really is a get experience for the kids to run and compete at one of the most premier tracks in the country," said Kinney. "The New Balance track will be the site of the high school nationals and the NCAA Championship this year. Great experience for the kids and I feel blessed that we get to compete there. Hopefully, it helps build the sport even more in Massachusetts."

Wilmington returns to the facility on Thursday to face Melrose at 4:30 and then the Freshmen/Sophomore Invitational Meet will be held on Sunday morning but at the Reggie Lewis Center.

## Girls Track team keeps impressive streak going

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BOSTON - The Wilmington High School girls indoor track-and-field team extended its unbeaten streak to 13 with a dominating 62-38 victory over Watertown in a Middlesex League Freedom Division dual meet held last Friday morning at the New Balance Facility.

The win puts the 'Cats at 2-0-1 on the season, which comes after two back-to-back 5-0 seasons.

Four individuals came away with first places, including junior Mollie Osgood, who won both the high jump (5-0) and 55-meter hurdles (10.40).

"Mollie Osgood continues to do well as she won both the hurdles and the high jump," said head coach Joe Patrone. "She was coming off of being very sick this week and that took a little out of her. Despite that she cleared 5-0 in the high jump and went for 5-03 and very narrowly missed at clearing that. It is only a matter of time before she clears that height."

The other individual winners include Alli Doherty in the 55-meter dash at 7.80 seconds, Emily Grace in the 300 with a personal best time of 46.83 seconds and Cate MacDonald in the 600 with a time of

1:56.33.

"Cate MacDonald is only a freshman and had a tremendous kick to win the six-hundred meters," said Patrone. "With one-hundred meters to go in the race she was down by about twenty meters but she saw that she had a chance to catch the leading girl and mounted an incredible kick to get by her and win the race."

The other first places came in the two relays. The 4x200 team of Molly MacDonald, Grace and the Doherty sisters, Emily and Ali came across at 1:54.92. Then the 4x400 team of Alexis Melvin, Mallory Brown, Cate MacDonald and Addy Hunt also won at a combined time of 4:39.05.

Molly MacDonald and Hunt also added second places in the 55-meters (8.0) and 1,000 meters (3:21.22), respectively. Emily Doherty added a third in the dash at a personal best time of 8.08 seconds, as did Melvin in both the 600 with a personal best time of 2:01.53 and the high jump, clearing 4-2. Cate MacDonald also added another point to her day taking third in the long jump at 12-03.

Rounding out the scoring included a big day from Kayla Flynn, who came away with three seconds, coming in the hurdles

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## Wildcats fall to St. Mary's in Christmas Tournament championship game

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WILMINGTON— Last Friday, Frissore and the Wildcats had one of those battles against a strong team when they faced off with St. Mary's in the Holiday Classic championship game. Although rising to their level of play most of the game, the Wildcats fell by a score of 76-43.

With the squad's first win of the season against Tyngsboro in the opening round of the tournament, the Wildcats advanced to the finals to battle one out with powerhouse St. Mary's of Lynn.

Although the result is not what head coach Chris Frissore would have hoped for, the 1-1 weekend split is a step in the right direction for his group as they continue on with their regular schedule.

"I think we knew (how good they were), I mean everyone knows how good that team is and it shows," said Frissore. "They hit every shot (and) they're athletic. So (if) you pack the paint, they're going to shoot it. If you get up on them, they're going to go by you and they're going to get to the hoop."

To start the game, Frissore emphasized a priority to protect the paint, which was successful as far as three pointers went. The Wildcats only allowed one three pointer in the opening period of play, but the Spartans capitalized on the mid-range.

"Our strategy was basically to kind of pack the paint at the beginning and hope they miss, and it didn't exactly work," admitted Frissore. "The first five minutes we kind of

came out scared I think. And that's really what we've been doing. We start so slow (and) I need to figure out how I can get them to like come out with that fire."

St. Mary's exploded to a 19-3 start until Frissore's squad started to settle into the contest, responding with a 13-6 run of their own ignited by Eva Boudreau's seven first quarter points. Annabelle Cook also started where she left off, draining two triples.

Taking that momentum into the second quarter, the Wildcats continued to put up a fight, trading baskets with the talented Spartans squad.

"For the whole second quarter, we were right there with them," said Frissore. "So it's like I want to build off that because that is a good team but the first five minutes of the game and the first five minutes of the second half we came out slow."

Wilmington finished the half trailing 43-26 and were still clinging on to the hope of coming out strong in the third quarter. However, a 14-2 St. Mary's run to start the quarter confirmed the trend Frissore has been observing.

Wilmington would go into the fourth quarter down by a score of 63-40 and ultimately come up short in the fourth. However, there were some Wildcats to have some impressive individual performances against the strong competition.

Eva Boudreau dropped a season high 20 points in the effort, and Frissore took no surprise.

"She played really well,"

said Frissore. "She got into foul trouble yesterday and I know she was really upset. She was here early before the game today, before the first game today, she was here early like getting shots up. She's committed. She loves it and I mean, it doesn't surprise me (she scored 20 today). We needed her to step up and take it to the hole and not just rely on the three. She started getting to the basket, getting to the paint and making some lay-ups."

Boudreau's 20 came as a result of only two 3-pointers, showing her ability to score at all levels of the court. The sophomore was not the only Wildcat to end the day on a high note.

Freshman Erin McCarthy was selected to the All-Tournament team at the conclusion of the game. Between the two games, McCarthy combined for 21 points, including the go-ahead three that sent Wilmington to victory against Tyngsboro.

On the defensive side of the ball, she stepped up to take the challenge of guarding senior Yirsey Queliz, a Northeastern commit for the fall of 2023. Queliz was later named Tournament MVP.

"She hit the shot yesterday to put us up three. At the beginning of the game (today) she was covering (Yirsey Queliz) (who) is a stud. She just had a good all around tournament. It could have gone to (anyone) but I think with the coming up big with the shot, I just think she deserved it," said Frissore.



Wilmington High's Kassidy Smith reaches for a ball before it goes out of bounds during a recent Varsity Girls Basketball home game. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

## Smith and company first got past the Tigers in tourney opener

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WILMINGTON— Last Thursday, the Wilmington High School girls basketball team grabbed their first win of the season in a back and forth 52-50 win over Tyngsboro in the 2022 girls Holiday Classic. The win was not only the first of the team's season, it was the first for head coach Chris Frissore.

In a game where the Wildcats played over 18 minutes from behind, Frissore is giving all the credit to the grit of his players.

"I'm thinking that no matter what, these girls are going to fight," said Frissore. "We lost a close one to start the season, and then we pulled that one out. That was awesome."

Wilmington came out firing, claiming an early 9-2 lead just under three minutes into the contest. However, a 15-3 run by Tyngsboro to end the quarter left Frissore's squad down eight.

The Wildcats played a much better second quarter, only allowing eleven Tiger points and scoring 14 of their own. Wilmington was able to get to the free throw line, which is where seven of their eleven scores resulted from. Combine the free throw opportunities with only three second quarter turnovers, and the Wildcats set themselves up for a second half where they could do some damage.

Frissore's team did exactly that in the third, outscoring Tyngsboro 15-10 to eventually knot the game at 43. The Wildcats

converted on three clutch three pointers in the quarter, two coming from captain Jessica Collins in the final three minutes, and the other coming from captain Eva Boudreau to send her team to the fourth in a tie ballgame.

The scene was set almost exactly the same as Wilmington's first game of the season against Reading, where they couldn't execute in a close game in the fourth quarter that ended up costing them a victory. Frissore made sure that this time there was going to be a different outcome while talking to his team in the huddle.

"The main thing (I told them) is don't panic," recalled Frissore. "Because we had a lead at the end and a lot of times we end up like scrambling. So the main thing is don't panic and make good decisions."

The Wildcats did exactly that; the timely three's didn't stop falling in the fourth. In fact, Frissore and his squad were saving the best for last. With 34 seconds remaining in the game, Erin McCarthy had possession of the ball as the shot clock was dwindling to zero. She created some space, and rose up for a deep three pointer that was nothing but net, giving Wilmington a lead.

Tyngsboro answered with a three of their own, but the win was sealed when Annabelle Cook picked up a steal off a Tiger inbound pass with five seconds remaining.

To go along with McCarthy's fourth quarter heroics, she led the team with 15 points in the victory. Other Wildcat leaders

included Jessica Collins (eleven points, eight rebounds), Allesandra Delgenio (nine points, three rebounds), and Eva Boudreau (seven points, four rebounds).

When Wilmington was down ten in the second quarter, they could have lost hope and gave up on the game. Instead, they focused on the game plan and kept playing. To Frissore, it is the best sight to witness as a coach.

"It shows tha' they got the fight in them, which I know they do," said Frissore. "Sometimes it takes us a little while to get going, but once we're going, we're going. There's no off switch. They fought really hard."

Frissore was ecstatic to get the first win out of the way, noticing is team has already improved in a lot of different areas. However, he knows there is still aspects to be improved upon.

"We worked a lot on fast break in practice, and I think we did a lot better job on that," said Frissore. "And we talked about like stopping the ball, and things like that. And I feel like we did a lot better job doing that. One of the things we could have done better is like close out and box out, both of those are fundamental things that we got to hone in on. That's stuff that we'll hopefully get better with (practice)."

With the win, the Wildcats advanced to the championship game of the Holiday Classic, where they battled perennial powerhouse St. Mary's.

## Wilmington also tops Arlington

On Tuesday night, the Wilmington High School girls basketball team picked up their second win of the season against Arlington by a score of 54-36. The Wildcats now stand at 2-4 on the year.

"I feel like everyone really contributed," said head coach Chris Frissore following the win. "Erin McCarthy and Eva (Boudreau) both had a good game shooting the ball, especially at the beginning."

Along with strong performances from the starting five, Frissore was able to go deep into his bench as a result of some foul trouble, giving his team some needed experience.

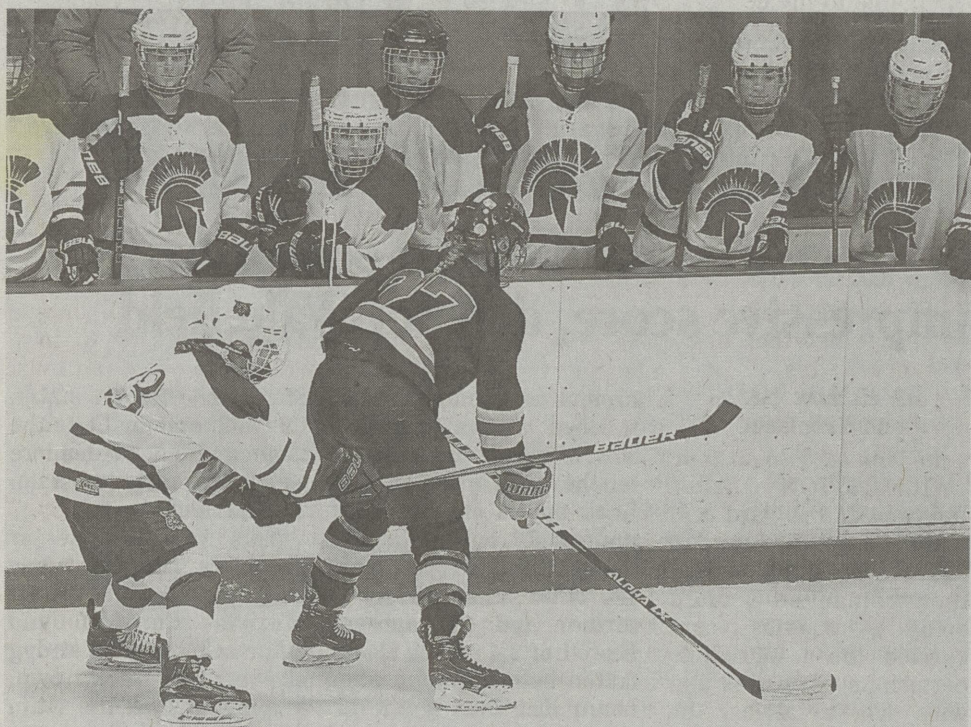
"Jess (Collins) was getting to the hoop and getting fouled, and we played a good amount of people today that don't always see a lot of runs, so it was good all

around because we had some foul trouble and stuff like that," said Frissore.

As Frissore reflects at the start of their season campaign, he acknowledges their record might not necessarily represent what this team is made of.

"We've played one of the hardest schedules, and we know that," said Frissore. "It's tough to be 2-4 but when you look back and see who you've played, those are tough teams and I feel like it was good for us. We stuck around with those teams and now after winning a game like this tonight, we see that we are good. We played well as a team today and we are a good team. We're going to win games."

-- JASON COOKE --



Wilmington Kaitlin Hally (23) chases after Winchester's Annie Ettenhoffer (27) during an earlier season Girls Hockey game. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

## Wilmington/Stoneham Girls Hockey team splits pair of games

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STONEHAM -- One would have thought that the Stoneham-Wilmington girl's hockey team would hold the upper hand over Woburn in their season rematch, especially after hammering the Tanners 5-1 in their first meeting two weeks earlier.

But it was obvious that Stoneham-Wilmington took their opponent far too lightly at the outset of

Saturday's matinee at the Stoneham Arena and suffered the consequences, dropping a winnable game, 3-2.

Leading 2-1 early in the second period, S-W allowed a pair of goals less than two minutes apart before the intermission and was unable to answer in the third, despite ten labeled shots in the waning minutes.

"Woburn is one of the better-coached teams in the League," said

Stoneham-Wilmington Coach John Lapiana, following the defeat. "They make their adjustments shift by shift and we have to be able to respond to those adjustments. But as long as the girls are going to play Woo Hoo hockey, we're going to end up on the short end of the stick."

In an evenly-played first period, the teams skated to a one-all tie with each burying a power play goal. Woburn struck first as

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WILMINGTON— On Friday night, the Wilmington High School boys basketball team dropped a tough, back and forth game to North Reading by a score of 56-52.

With the loss, the team dropped their record to 0-4 on the season. However, head coach Jon Amico is not noticing a change in effort in his team.

"I mean again, we left it all out there like they have been every game this year," said Amico. "They're a tough team, well coached. I mean that coach was there when I was in high school, so he obviously knows what he's doing."

The first quarter was a

back and forth, high paced opener that concluded with North Reading having the advantage 19-18. Tiago Gomez came out firing, scoring eight first quarter points for the Wildcats. Gomez would eventually net 17 for Wilmington. "After the Shawsheen game, we had a good talk," said Amico. "He has just been locked in the past couple days. He played so good tonight, attacking the hoop, hitting the three, playing good defense (and) everything we ask. He played really well tonight, definitely his best game of his young career."

In a low scoring second quarter, Wilmington was able to regain the lead to go up 30-28 heading into halftime. Gomez scored

five more points and Ben Marvin scored his first four of ten points in the contest. Marvin also added ten rebounds to his statline.

In the third quarter, North Reading showed their offensive strength, scoring 17 quarter points to give them a 45-40 lead over the Wildcats. Wilmington cut the lead to as close as three in the fourth, but ultimately couldn't close it out down the stretch.

Along with Marvin and Gomez, Michael Oatis (seven points) and Noah Spencer (ten points, ten rebounds) also had strong performances.

"Across the board, Tiago, Ben, Mikey, Spencer, they all played awesome

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# Female Athlete of the Year: Olivia Wingate

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off Omaha (5-0), Santa Clara (4-0) and TCU (2-0) before losing to No. 2 seed North Carolina, 2-0. Wingate had three goals in the tournament, with two against Omaha and one against TCU.

"I think we had a fantastic tournament and although it ended earlier than we wanted, I'm so proud of our team," said Wingate. "We earned a No. 1 seed overall and getting to play those tough tournament games at home was a huge advantage for us. To have my last home game for Notre Dame be against UNC for a chance at the Final Four was truly a dream. They're such a great program and it's always a battle when you play them. We had our chances and dominated the last bit of the game but we were ultimately unable to come back from the 2-0 deficit. My parents were there in the stands and although I was extremely upset afterwards, I'm glad I got to end my career for ND outside of Alumni Stadium with them."

Wingate finished her career with 26 goals and 11 assists. But if you ask her, none of her stats mean squat.

"Overall, I am just so grateful to have been able to play for Notre Dame and will cherish those five years forever. This past season was one that pushed our program forward and I'm proud to

have been a part of that. I'm also very honored to have won some wonderful awards this year and have been recognized for all the work I've put in. It all went by way too quick," she said.

This past year, Wingate became much more of a complete player. Yes she has that blazing speed, but more importantly, she was able to finish her scoring chances with a lot more frequency.

"That is something that she has been working on for five years, just becoming more comfortable around the goal whether it's on breakaways or getting crosses or just being able to shift the ball around the edge of the box and finish," said Norman. "For her, I think the Sky's the Limit. I think she can become a better pro player than she was in college which I think will be exciting to be able to watch her career at it develops here."

## PRO CAREER AWAITS

Come January 12th, the NWSL Draft will be hosted at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and will air live on the CBS Sports Network and Paramount+. Wingate's name is almost guaranteed to be selected at the NWSL Draft.

"Olivia has that built in work ethic and mentality because it's unbelievable of what she puts into it. That helps her with her

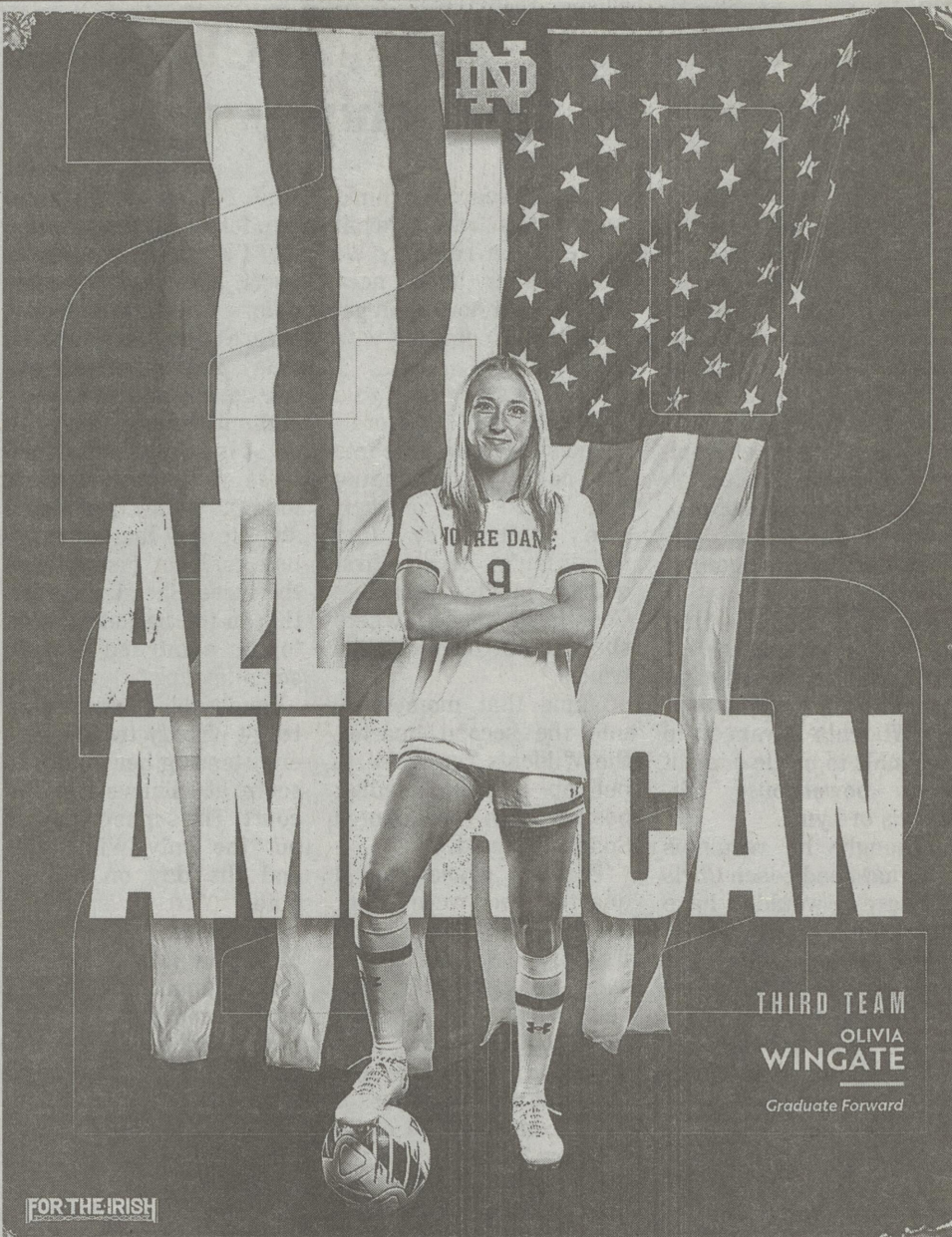
natural athletic gifts and that will allow her to transition to the pro game," said Norman. "The more efficient she can become in front of the goal, I think it really important at that level. The chances (to score) just become fewer and fewer and you need to be able to take them when you get them. That's probably the biggest thing. When you play at the pro level, you get paid to score goals essentially and the more she can become comfortable, especially with what she did for us the last two years and she stays on that trajectory, she'll be successful as a pro."

Norman was asked, in his opinion, if he believes Wingate can adjust and settle into the league as a first-year pro player, assuming she is indeed chosen.

"I think she has a really great chance of being a successful pro player. It is such an athletic league and she offers something that you can't teach. For her, I think she has a good chance to transition to that level pretty well. Sometimes you get these really good soccer players who are not the athletes that they need to be at that level. It's just really difficult for them because they can't handle the speed of what's going on. Olivia should be able to do that, and that should help her become a real solid professional player. She'll

need to stick at it and keep evolving.

"When you become a pro player, you get in there and you have to regain your confidence a little bit, because you go in and these teams have already been solidified with their main players and you're the young person trying to fit in. If she can keep her confidence high, go in there and believe in herself, she'll definitely transition very well in that league."



## Iascone wrestles to a third place finish

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FRAMINGHAM -- When looking at results on paper, it appears the Wilmington High School wrestling squad hasn't had the best year so far. Failing to pick up a win in both their quad meets and dual meets, it may seem the team is frustrated or hopeless.

That's not the case for head coach Kevin Riley and his team. On Friday, Riley's group had a strong showing at the Dan Balboni Holiday Classic in Framingham, which is a direct result of their hard work and improvement on the mat as the team reaches the halfway mark of their season.

"(I told my team) we're going to go down to Framingham (and) I know you guys are basically still kind of junior varsity here but I'm going to give you the option if you want to participate in this. And they all wanted to participate, which I thought was great. I thought that showed a lot of heart right there," said Riley.

Out of the 22 teams to participate in the tournament, the Wildcats finished in 18th place scoring 35 points.

More importantly, Wilmington earned a third place finish, and three wrestlers who took home their first varsity wins throughout the day.

In the 152-pound weight class, Nikolaos Iascone finished third, winning in four of the five matches he wrestled in.

"His first match that he drew, which we considered to be unlucky, was the number one seed returning state place finisher from Framingham and Nick battled through that match (and) he beat the kid," said Riley. "And he just hit the gas from there. Nick showed us that not only does he deserve to be a captain, that he's one of the special kids on the team. This was really the first time that I saw it because I've always known Nick as a great kid, but there were a cou-

ple of times where his back was against the wall and he was down in some matches and you just saw him hit that switch and battle back."

Iascone came out firing, defeating his first two opponents. He topped number one seed Ben Lincoln of Framingham by pin at 1:57 and Eddie Anniballi of Natick by pin at 2:17. His loss to eventual first place finisher Elijah Colon of Lincoln Sudbury sent him to the consolation bracket where he beat John Molloy of King Philip in a 10-6 decision and Seth Rosen of Wayland in an 8-6 decision to claim third place.

Riley was also very proud of his wrestlers who earned their first varsity wins on the day, starting with Hannah Bryson.

"She's progressing probably faster than most people on the team," said Riley. "I mean I see that on a daily basis with her. Coupled with the fact that she's just a competitive kid, it's an absolute joy watching her continue to progress."

Bryson, wrestling in the 126-pound weight class, beat Nathaniel Mallette of Nashoba by pin at 3:41 in her first match of the day.

Clyde Lambert in the 182-pound weight class was the second Wildcat to earn their first varsity win. The previous Monday, Riley admits bringing Lambert and the rest of his teammates to the Billerica JV meet helped gain their confidence and give them some more experience, ultimately paying dividends on Friday.

"Clyde Lambert at 182, he picked up his first varsity win which we were very happy with," said Riley. "Again, a lot of these guys were coming back from (a) JV tournament on Monday and they're wrestling these varsity kids on Friday."

Lambert beat Dorian Wiernik of Lincoln Sudbury by pin at 1:48 before eventually losing to Shane Eason of Methuen by pin at 0:27.

The final wrestler to grab their first win was

Michael Ings in the 195-pound weight class.

"Mike Ings, he's kind of wrestled a little bit here and there. Again, (he's a) first year senior but he decided that he was going to go down to 195 and he's our 195 pounder," said Riley. "We weren't sure how he was going to do because he lost a good amount of weight to get there. We knew he was going to be a little tired the first time out. But he ended up picking his first varsity win too, so it was a good day for Michael Ings as well."

Ings picked up a bye in the consolation bracket before falling to Falco Heaslip of Dedham by pin at 1:31.

Yet another performance Riley is excited with is Dempsey Murphy, who made his season debut as he was previously out with an injury.

"He came back and he wrestled for us at 220 and he went 2-2 for the day," said Riley. "A lot of rust, but he shows a lot of great potential and it's great to have Dempsey back in the lineup."

Murphy won his first match of the day against Nathan Monroy of Framingham by pin at 1:40 before being sent to the consolation bracket by Jose Perez-garcia of Saint John's by pin at 0:53. Murphy then won his next match against Isaac Lebron of West Springfield by pin at 1:56.

Along with many other solid performances from the Wildcats, Riley is proud of his team's development.

"We're starting to come together a little bit here," said Riley. "We have some holes in the lineup but the holes are getting smaller (and) the lineup is getting bigger and better and more experienced. So I'm not sure when this is all going to come together, but I'm hoping it comes together sooner rather than later."

Wilmington now has their eyes set on a dual meet with Burlington this week on Wednesday as well as a quad meet at Salem on Saturday. To

add to his team's excitement, captain Julien Cella is hoping to make his return from injury this week after being in concussion protocol.

"We got senior night for Wednesday night, I know the kids are excited about that against Burlington," said Riley. "It's basically our only home dual meet so we're hoping for good things there. I know that I feel more comfortable now putting these kids out there in the lineup after the experience that they've had."

Riley understands the lack of experience in his team will come with its challenges, but the steps this group is making is all he needs to keep believing in his wrestlers.

"We know that every day is going to be a challenge but these kids, they're not

## Female Athlete of the Year

2022	Olivia Wingate
2021	Celia Kulis
2020	No Athlete (COVID-19)
2019	Emily Hill
2018	Jocelyn Palmer
2017	Alexcia Luna
2016	Olivia Wingate
2015	Lauren Bennett
2014	Lauren Fitch
2013	Rachael Mara
2012	Michelle Woods
2011	Ashley Vitale
2010	Brianne Bozzella
2009	Brittney McLaughlin
2008	Lani Cabral-Pini
2007	Katie Cole
2006	Brianne Bozzella
2005	Debbie Lyons
2004	Lani Cabral-Pini
2003	Lauren Rappoli
2002	Ashley Morgado
2001	Jackie Rubino
2000	Kim Gillespie
1999	Kristen Kacamburas
1998	Michelle McGonagle
1997	Melissa Mather
1996	Julie Gillis
1995	Leanne Harris
1994	Nancy Pote

### Athletes of the Decade

1990-'99: Judy O'Connell

2000-'09: Lani Cabral-Pini

2010-'19: Olivia Wingate

backing down, they're not coward (and) they're working hard. Like I said, they're progressing every day so we're looking forward to the challenge," said Riley.

## Gymnastics team opens season with impressive score, defeats Wakefield

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WILMINGTON -- After finishing as the third best team in the entire state in last year's debut season, the Wilmington/Bedford co-op gymnastics team carried those incredible performances, scores and wins over to at least the opening meet of this new season. On Monday night, the team put up a very impressive score to beat Wakefield, 138.4-123.0.

"We are off to a great start to the season. With two of our all around athletes injured before the season even started, we knew we would be relying on our returning athletes and the some of the newcomers," said head coach Kristen Hannon. "The three new gymnasts to join the team including freshman Lexie Masters (all-around), Maddie Plurad (vault, bars and floor) and junior Katie Desaulniers (vault, beam and floor) had outstanding debuts contributing to the team win over Wakefield."

Masters, just a freshman, was the top all-

around performer as she finished with a score of 35.6 which included a 9.1 on the bars, a 9.0 on the floor, an 8.8 on the vault and an 8.7 on the beam. Senior Emily Provost was the other all-around performer and she earned scored of 9.4 on the floor, 8.8 on both the vault and beam and then a 7.2 on the bars.

Four athletes competed in three events each including seniors Selima Chan and Mikayla Comeiro, as well as junior Katie Desaulniers and freshman Maddie Plurad. Chan earned scores of 8.3 on the floor, 8.2 on the beam and 7.9 on the bars. Comeiro was extremely consistent on the night as she posted an 8.5 on the bars, an 8.4 in the beam and an 8.3 on the floor.

As for Desaulniers, she picked up an 8.1 on the beam and 7.8 scores on both the vault and floor. Plurad had an impressive debut with an 8.6 on the floor, an 8.4 on the bars and a 7.9 on the vault.

Rounding out the competitors included senior Alexa Graziano with a 9.2 on the bars, Brooke

Stuzynski with an 8.2 on the vault and an 8.1 on the beam and then sophomore Keira Warford added an 8.0 on the vault.

"This year our senior standouts including Alexa Graziano, Emily Provost, Mikayla Comeiro and Selima Chan, had a strong showing of their own, helping to lead the team to an opening season win," said Hannon. "Our other returning veterans Keira Warford and Brooke Stuzynski also had strong starts adding in new skills this year to help add to their difficulty."

"Other returning athletes like senior Rachel Gonzalez, juniors Addie Silva and Alli Ganley and sophomore Maddie Windomski hope to contribute to the line up in the next few competitions. We hope the rest of the season goes as well as this first meet and we continue to improve."

The co-op team will return to action this Monday with another home meet to be held against Reading starting at 6 pm.



# Male Athlete of the Year: Nate Alberti

FROM B1W

returning. "Lawler is just such a great athlete. He's obviously good in football and I don't know how good he is in basketball, but lacrosse is his best sport. He's really good."

Finishing 9-9, the 'Cats drew the No. 19 seed in the Division 3 statewide tournament. The previous state tournament appearance for Wilmington came back in 2013, when the 'Cats were eliminated in the first round by Holliston.

"Going into that game, we knew that we were the lower seed, but we thought that we were the better team. We played the worst first half that we could have played - all season, it was the worst," recalled Alberti. "No one could do anything and nobody could score. At halftime we just realized that this is it and we needed to really pick it up. Then we just went out there and scored I think eight straight goals - 10-8 final."

Wilmington trailed 7-2 at the half before putting it all together in the second half.

Of the eight straight goals, Albert scored the sixth, seventh and eighth ones for 'Cats - all but putting the team on his back in the comeback.

"We were a man-up and down 8-5, (and I scored on a) wide open step down. The second one was off a rebound from Gavin's shot and then it was a dip and drop on the third one," said Alberti.

Wilmington added two more goals for the win, including Erickson getting the final one in the final seconds, giving the 'Cats the dramatic comeback win, but making program history.

"It's not just me. It's nice to be know that Gavin will set up a play or something and give me a wide open shot, or I will make a play and give Lawler a wide open shot," Alberti said to Ippolito back in June. "Me, Mike and Gavin work really

well together, setting each other up for wide open shots, so that is fun.

"That was great to be a part of, especially with the way we came back. You never want to be down like that, and we wanted to keep our season going, especially against a team that we felt like we should beat. It was a great win."

Alberti added a few more goals in the loss to Hanover, giving him 63 on the season.

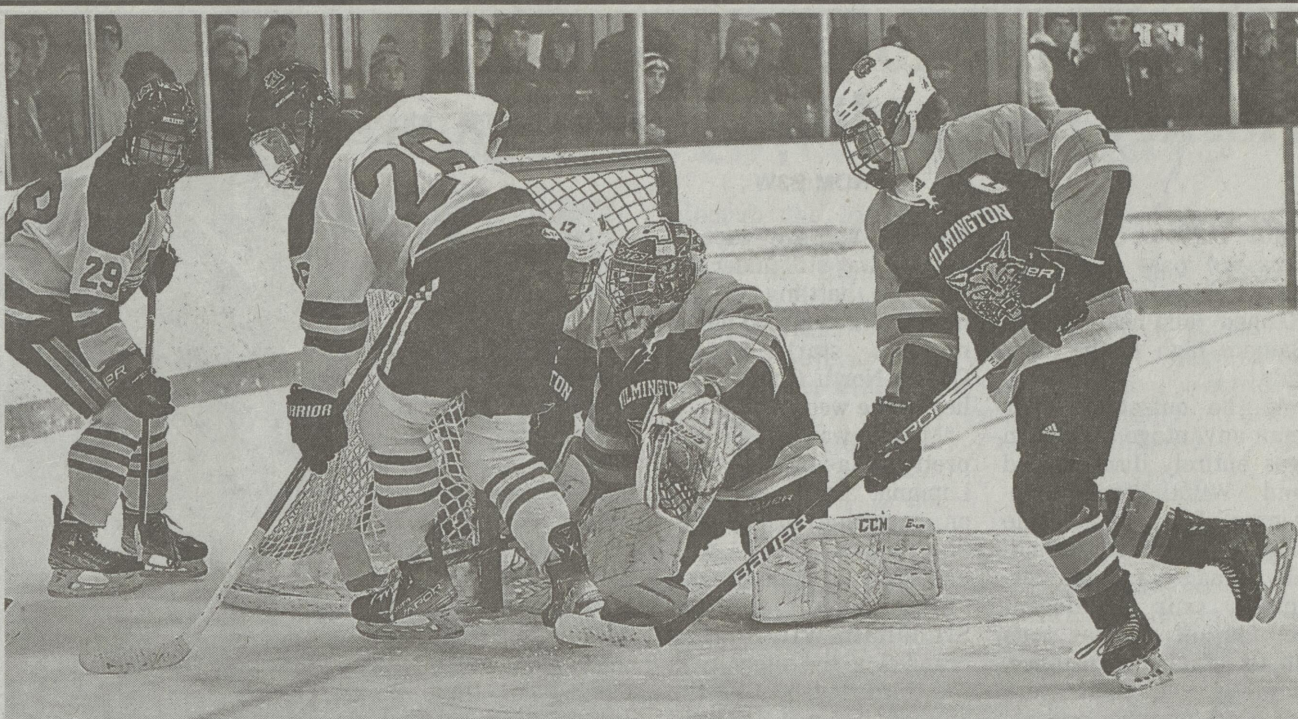
"I'm good friends with (former standout player) Ben Wright and he had 54 or 55 so once I got to 56 I knew that I had it, from what I've been told anyway," said Alberti. "I ended up with 63 goals. It was great, at least thinking that I had some kind of school record is pretty cool."

A short time after that Hanover loss, Alberti was playing for his Club team HGR out of North Andover when he started to get some notice.

"I play Club Lacrosse in the fall and the summer, and we had a tournament during the summer out in Pennsylvania and I saw St. Anselm (coaches) were on the sidelines for all three of my games," he said. "They approached me and then everything worked out. I'm so pumped about it and stress free now. I don't have to worry about any of that anymore."

## STARTS AND STOPS

Last year's WHS Boys Hockey season was up and down. The 'Cats struggled to score and struggled to win. Wilmington finished the regular season with a 6-13-1 record. Of the six wins, two of them Alberti was the offensive star in, including netting all four goals, including the game winner in overtime, against Melrose, and then ending with a goal and an assist in a blowout win over Matignon. Alberti finished the season with a team leading 16 points, including 9 goals and 7



Wilmington High senior captain Nate Alberti looks to help out defensively in front of his own net during the team's season opening loss to Reading. Alberti is this year's Male Athlete of the Year partly for leading the boys hockey team in scoring last year as a junior. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

assists.

"Last year we had a lot potential than what we did and won just six games. We definitely had more potential than how we played," said Alberti. "This year I think we're playing up to our potential, at least so far as we've only had two games and we had a really good game against Arlington. I think this year we're going to do a lot better because we're playing up to our potential. Last year we still had a good time."

"I think (part of our problem) was we got star struck. A lot of our top (players) were first-year varsity guys, so everyone did get experience from last year, so hopefully we can run with that this year."

While the 'Cats went through their share of frustrations, certainly the Melrose win at home before a large crowd, was something Alberti will always remember.

"Melrose game was so much and I won't forget that. It was just awesome, especially to do that at home. Just to score once is awesome and so much fun, but (to score four), I don't know, it was just a great day," he said.

Despite the 6-13-1 regular season record, Wilmington qualified as the No. 23 seed in the Division 2 statewide tournament and were defeated by a much better, Newburyport team, 3-0.

"We definitely had a lot of chances (to score) - nothing too pretty and a lot of rebound (chances). I had a breakaway and didn't score, so we definitely had a lot of opportunities but just couldn't

score," he said.

Heading into this season, Alberti was named the lone captain of the team. At the time of the interview, the 'Cats were 0-2, losing to Reading and Arlington. At that point, he didn't have a goal to chat about, but knows they'll be coming because of his two line-mates.

"I love playing with (Matt) O'Brien and Mike (Daniels). I think we will find the back of the net a lot. We had a couple of scrimmages and our line was scoring a lot. We didn't score against Arlington or Reading, but I think we will score soon," he said.

Alberti certainly expects to score or assist on his share of goals this season, and so is head coach Steve Scanlon.

"Nate's a veteran player. He has good offensive natural instincts and has a good Hockey-IQ," said Scanlon. "He's an elusive skater and is going quicker than you think. He has a big long, powerful stride. He has a good shot and he knows what he is doing around the net. He's been a good kid for us and he works hard."

"The kids named him the lead captain so they think a lot of him too. He's a good player to have. He scored some big goals for us last year and some overtime stuff and some game winners. We expect more of the same from him this year. He's a good player and a good athlete. He's more than one sport. He's going up to St. Anselm for lacrosse so that's a great opportunity for him."

## Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year

2022:	Nate Alberti
2021:	Gavin Erickson
2020:	No Athlete (COVID-19)
2019:	Bailey Smith
2018:	Omar Eldaly
2017:	Danny Gracia
2016:	Joe Gaudreau
2015:	Brian Cavanaugh & Matt Spurr
2014:	Evan Raffi
2013:	Drew Foley
2012:	Colin Doherty
2011:	Vinny Scifo
2010:	Sean Hanley
2009:	Caleb Rogers
2008:	Stephen Stewart
2007:	Ernie Mello
2006:	Greg Stewart
2005:	Joe Herra
2004:	Joe Herra
2003:	Derek Trueira
2002:	Derek Hanley
2001:	Ryan Layton
2000:	Tim Riley
1999:	Eric Banda
1998:	Mark DiGiovanni
1997:	Scott Swiezynski
1996:	Billy Harrison
1995:	Doug Olender
1994:	Dave DeSantis

### Athletes of the Decade:

2010-'19: Drew Foley

2000-'09: Ernie Mello

1990-'99: Danny Ballou

# Wildcats still searching for their first win

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HAVERHILL - After opening the season with losses against two of the state's best teams in Reading and Arlington, the thought was perhaps the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team could get their first and possibly their first and second wins of the season competing at the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament.

Wilmington, winners of its bracket in last year's tournament, played basically the same game in both nights, holding shot advantages of 34-17 and 33-17, and ending in a 3-1 loss to North Andover last Wednesday, before ending in a 2-2 tie with Winnacunnet, out of New Hampshire, played on Friday.

Then on Saturday, the 'Cats were defeated by Winchester, 6-0.

Wilmington is now 0-4-1 on the season and have been outscored 22-5 through the four games and now will have five straight - and very important - Middlesex League Freedom Division games upcoming with Burlington (0-3-1), Wakefield (1-4-0), Stoneham (1-3-1),

Watertown (3-1-1) and Melrose (1-4-1).

"It was glaring both games that we were the better team. We're generating plenty of offense, it's just there's no killer instinct. It's just missed plays at inopportune times," said WHS head coach Steve Scanlon.

In game one, Wilmington dominated play in all three periods.

"We played good, but we hit two pipes and the

crossbar and we move the puck really well on the power play. We had lots of great chances, but couldn't get more than the one," said Scanlon.

North Andover goalie Troy Takesian stopped all but one of the 34 shots he faced with Nate Alberti scoring the lone goal with an assist going to Mike Daniels. The game was tied at 1-1 going into the third.

In game No. 2,

Winnacunnet scored first as Ian McCormack went around the net, circled to the front and put a quick shot over the blocker of goalie Tyler Marinho, who was making his first varsity start.

The score remained the same until late in the second when the Wildcats scored two goals in a span of 1:42. Matt O'Brien tied it up with a shot from the left side with a helper from the much improved

Owen White, and then Brett Ebert scored on a shot from the right circle area with assists going to Danny Lagunilla and Brian Barry.

In the second minute of the second period, Wilmington was called for a penalty and the Warriors put two shots on net, both beautifully turned away by Marinho, both sprawling from his belly.

With 10:35 to go, Winnacunnet was called for a penalty and 53 seconds later, Wilmington returned the favor, and then were called for another one 1:37 after that. They were able to kill off the brief 5-on-3 for 23 seconds but with 6:53 to go, another infraction was called. This time Winnacunnet had the two-man advantage for 49 seconds and took advantage of it with Tyler Blank finding the back of the net on a nice feed from Brayden Emery and the game was tied up at 2-2.

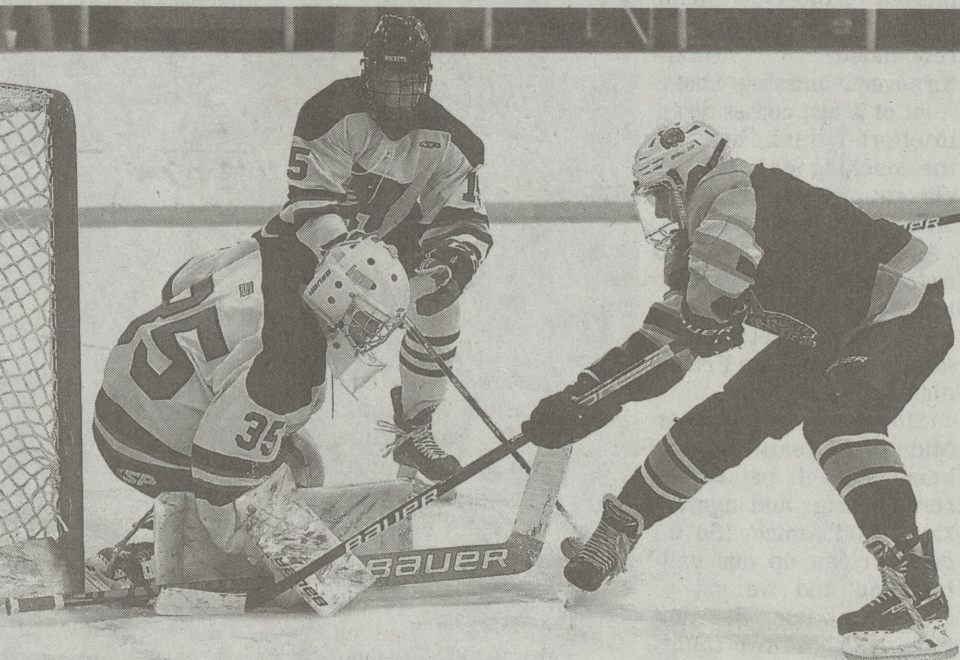
Wilmington had several good bids the rest of the second period. White made a nice rush coming up from the left side and his shot was saved but led to a power play. There he had a handful of shots on net but nothing could get

past goalie Owen Helton and the game was still tied after two.

Just 2:03 into the third, the 'Cats were called for another penalty, and they killed it off with the Warriors putting just one shot on net. Four minutes later, Daniels had a good big coming off the right side. Wilmington didn't get a shot on net in the final seven minutes, but held off four for the Warriors.

"The penalty barrage in the second period (and into the third period) really hurt us. If we were 5-on-5 in (those first few minutes of the) third, I think we would have broke their back," said Scanlon. "They were tired and you could see that. But you have to give their goalie credit. He saw a lot and saved a lot. We did put a lot of shots right at him and right on his glove."

Wilmington faced Burlington on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime and then will take on Wakefield on Sunday morning at 11 over at the Stoneham Arena before coming back home on Wednesday to host Stoneham.



Wilmington's Matt O'Brien attempts to stuff one home against Reading goalie Chris Hanafin during the team's season opener held several weeks ago. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



# Wilmington/Stoneham Girls Hockey team splits a pair of games

FROM B3W

Kate Sullivan collected a cross-ice pass along the blue line from Nora Kennedy and beat Maddie Sainato high to the stick side.

At the outset of their man-advantage, Woburn was entirely disorganized and Wilmington's top-scorer Lily MacKenzie tried to render shorthanded, damage, manufacturing a pair of decent threats off neutral zone steals. In each instance, however, the shots were targeted for the midsection of goalie Cadence Pearce.

"They had a young goaltender and she did a good job," said Lapiana. "Unfortunately, we made it easier for her with a lot of shots into the belly or wide of the net."

Stoneham-Wilmington, skating on a power play late in the first, evened it on Ashley Mercier's first of the season. With helpers from Gabby Daniels and Katelin Halley, Mercier skimmed a long bid from the left point which stunned Pearce, five-hole.

At 10:58 of the second period, Stoneham-Wilmington claimed its first lead as an opportunistic Halley, camped out in front of the Tanner net, redirected a Daniel's feed from the left point.

Woburn later recaptured the lead with a pair, first from Savannah Powers to tie it with 4:46 left in the second and then a go-ahead tally from Sullivan, her second of the afternoon just minutes later.

While she would never

use it as an excuse, Sainato was still under the weather, battling an illness that had forced her to miss a start against Quincy-North Quincy earlier in the week.

"Maddie was still feeling pretty awful," said Lapiana. "But she insisted on returning to the ice. She played very well under the circumstances."

Trailing by a goal, Stoneham-Wilmington cranked up the intensity in the third, outshooting the Tanners by an 11-3 margin down the stretch. As the minutes ticked away, Lapiana was preparing to exchange Sainato for an extra-attacker. Unfortunately, he was unable to deploy the strategy as the officials, with 1:25 remaining, whistled MacKenzie for a borderline roughing infraction. Tripped up in the slot, MacKenzie slid headlong and collided with the goalie. It seemed as if she was unable to stop her forward trajectory toward the net.

"Questionable," was the only comment an irate Lapiana would share regarding an unfounded penalty that might have impacted the end result.

Pearce, the same goaltender who yielded five goals to Stoneham-Wilmington in the first round between these teams, denied Ava Krasco on a breakaway as the game came to a close.

"We play systems hockey and when one player steps outside the system, it effectively puts us in a short-handed position,"

explained Lapiana. "We end up giving up odd-man rushes, cough up the puck in our own zone and give up real estate in our own end. Today, we got beat to every puck. We're playing harder, but not smarter."

On Monday afternoon, the Stoneham-Wilmington skaters came storming back with a 3-1 defeat of the 1-5 Brookline Warriors at Stoneham Arena. Wilmington's MacKenzie once again led the offense, scoring all three goals, one in each period, to record her second hat trick of the season. Single assists were rewarded on each of the goals to Sofija Romanowski, Sophia Carpentieri, and Mercier. MacKenzie currently leads her team with 6 goals and 1 assist.

"It was a good win," said Lapiana, who improved to 4-2 overall. "Lily MacKenzie played a tremendous game. She is such a powerful weapon. We don't always like to rely on her but it's good to know that she's out there. This is the first game that I felt like we're playing like a team and heading in the right direction."

Lapiana also gave credit to Wilmington's Mercier for quickly adapting to a move from defense to forward that bolstered the offense.

"We moved Ashley up front from defense," the coach explained. "That was a big change because she moved the puck off the hash, off the wall, and into the zone and Lily took advantage of it every time."



North Reading's Kieran Gorgenyi guards Wilmington's Christian Febbo during last Friday's home contest. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## 'Cats stung late by Hornets

FROM B3W

tonight," said Amico. "I think it just starts with coaching. We got to go back to the drawing board and change some things up."

One factor that has been killing Amico's squad and their ability to gain momentum has been turnovers. His squad only committed ten on Friday, a significant reduction and something this group can build on.

"Our turnovers have been limited, kind of each game after the first two or three, so that's getting better," said Amico. "The three's still aren't falling, which is funny, if you come to practice we got kids that don't miss a three."

Given the inexperience of his squad, Amico acknowledges his team just might not have the varsity experience yet to close out a close game.

"We are a young, inexperienced team," admitted Amico. "Hopefully we can build on that one (and) use a little momentum (going forward). The last two games they've been really beat up in the locker room after the loss which is tough, but it's good to see. It's good that

they care."

Wilmington put North Reading behind them and prepared for Arlington on Tuesday night. Unfortunately, the buzzer sounded with a score of 85-43 in favor of Arlington.

The Spy Ponders immediately jumped out in front by a score of 19-7 after the first, which carried into the rest of the game.

"I thought the first quarter was pretty close, I think we were down nineteen to seven and then I blinked and it was like twenty six to seven. Every game that's kind of been our story, the first quarter just crushed us," said Amico following the loss.

However, despite the 42 point loss, Michael Oatis has been becoming a strong contributor for the team as of late, making a difference on both ends of the hardwood.

"Michael Oatis, he started his first varsity game ever last week and started again tonight," said Amico. "(He) was definitely our best player tonight, he played awesome. We had him covering their best kid, Williams, who is one of the best kids in the Middlesex.

He did a great job on him I thought. Offensively he hit some shots (and) took it to the hole well. He really left it all out there tonight."

A primary factor for this squad's struggles all season have been turnovers and missing shots, which continued on Tuesday.

"Definitely a little bit of both (turnovers and missed shots)," said Amico. "(We were) out-rebounded, (had) turnovers, missing shots. A lot of it just comes down to effort I think, both on the coaching staff and the players. It's a full team effort for sure."

As Amico looks to regroup his team following their last two losses, it will be against yet another strong opponent on Friday night.

"Stoneham is another Middlesex team so we know they'll be tough, scrappy, big, and aggressive," said Amico. "So we got to clean up our ball-handling and we got to clean up our decision making. Those two things I think are really hurting us."



Shawsheen Tech's Ryan Sweeney, a Wilmington resident, handles the ball and looks to make a play while Wilmington High's Ben Marvin defends him during last Wednesday's win over the Wildcats. (photo by Doug Hastings).

## Rams get their revenge, top Wildcats in a non-league game

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**BILLERICA** - For the Wilmington High boys basketball team, last Wednesday's game at Shawsheen Tech certainly wasn't as bad as the final score might indicate.

For the Rams, it was another step in the right direction for a team that seems to be getting better with every contest.

In front of a good crowd in Billerica, the Rams defeated the Wildcats by an 80-49 score.

"Wilmington beat us twice last year so the boys were fired up," said Shawsheen coach Joe Gore. "We were able to get a little bit of payback and they worked hard. Hopefully, we can build on this."

Shawsheen (4-1) jumped out to a 15-0 lead, led 25-6 after the first quarter and pushed the advantage to 30-6 early in quarter No. 2 before WHS started clicking.

"We started fast the last two games and we've had some success," said Gore.

Wilmington went on an 11-2 run and outscored Shawsheen by a 15-13 margin for the remainder of the second quarter, trailing 43-21 at halftime.

"We came out and did a little press in the second quarter and got some turnovers," said Wilmington coach Jon Amico. "We're just inexperienced and it's hurting us. Shawsheen is a good team."

In the third quarter, the Rams started with a 9-2 surge that pushed the lead to 29, but Wilmington did-

n't quit, scoring 17 points in the quarter to total 32 points between the second and third stanzas.

The 'Cats (0-4) didn't have many answers for Shawsheen's size, led by towering senior Aiden MacLeod of Wilmington, who finished with 13 points.

"They have some big kids," Amico said. "They were crushing us on the boards."

"The bigs under assistant coach Mike (Gore), they work hard every single day," Gore said. "They've come a long way. We're so happy with how they've improved."

Senior Mavrick Bourdeau of Billerica led the Ram offense with 23 points and sophomore Franck Moron added 22. Sophomore Matt Breen of Wilmington chipped in with six points.

Junior Ryan Sweeney of Wilmington and junior Max Boston of Wilmington each tossed in four points for Shawsheen.

Junior Ben Marvin paced Wilmington with 13 points and three players, junior Michael Oatis, junior Christian Febbo and junior Tiago Gomez, all contributed six. Junior Antonio Smolinsky and sophomore Connor Lovell both added five points and junior Noah Spencer scored four.

Shawsheen's 15-0 run to open the game featured 3-pointers by Bourdeau and Moron, who had eight of the points for the Rams early.

Moron ended the first quarter with 11 points.

Oatis ignited Wilmington in the second quarter with

back-to-back 3-pointers before a Lovell layup. A steal by Febbo led to an fast-break hoop for WHS and cut the lead to 14 (30-16).

The Rams outscored Wilmington for the rest of the half by a 13-5 margin to take the 22-point half-time lead.

MacLeod had six of those points and Moron added a 3-pointer.

In the third quarter, Shawsheen totaled 21 points with Bourdeau scoring 12 of them as the Rams officially put this one away.

In the fourth quarter, the Rams had contributions from throughout the lineup as senior Blake Parrott of Burlington had a basket, Boston scored four points while junior Ryan Copson of Wilmington and senior Gianni Zompa also had buckets.

Gore said he sees good things ahead for the Wildcats.

"They graduated probably the best player we saw all of last season," Gore said of Wilmington. "When you lose somebody like that, obviously it's going to be a little bit of a rebuild, but they're a good team, they never quit and I'm sure they're going to have some success as the year goes along."

"They're all playing hard," added Amico of his players. "That's all I can ask for. But at some point we have to get a W."

Shawsheen has three upcoming road games, visiting North Reading on Thursday, KIPP Academy on Tuesday and Essex Tech next Wednesday.

## Wilmington High Girls Track remains unbeaten

FROM B2W



Freshman Cate MacDonald has had a big impact on the 2-0-1 WHS Girls Track team thus far.

(photo by Eric Canha).

(10.48), long jump (13-05) and high jump (4-10). Also taking three points each included Ava Kennedy in the shot put with a toss of 24-00.50 and Mia Stryhalaleck in the two-mile with a personal best time of 13:40.29.

"Mia Stryhalaleck ran a twenty second personal best in the two-mile to help seal our victory as her three points put us over the top and ensured our win," said Patrone.

The other third places came from Bella Zaya in the 1,000 with a personal best time of 3:59.24 and Maddie Krueger in the shot put, throwing 23-08.50.

Others who competed but didn't place in the top three of their event included Gabby Fitzgibbons in the hurdles with a personal best time of 12.76 seconds and in the 300 at 55.21, Sam Galser with a personal best time of 9.18 in the dash, Brown with a 6:05.56 time in the mile and Christina Chesbrough with a mark of 21-09.25 in the shot put.

Wilmington's next meet is next Thursday against Melrose at the New Balance Track. Also, the freshmen and sophomores will also be competing on Sunday, at the Auerbach Freshman/Sophomore Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center.



## Rams Sports Round-Up: Boys Hockey, Girls Basketball & Girls Hockey

# Wrestlers beat out 87 other teams, win Lowell Holidays

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**BILLERICA** - The Shawsheen Tech wrestling program has enjoyed so much success over the years that new accomplishments don't come around very often.

Last week in Lowell, however, the Rams checked another item off the list.

Shawsheen won its first-ever George Bossi Tournament in Lowell, taking first place in a field of 87 teams.

"The closest we came before this was in 2010, we took second to Timberlane (New Hampshire), who blew the field away," said Shawsheen coach Doug Pratt. "It was a shocker (this year) with all of the good teams that were there, but we'll take it."

Shawsheen edged Haverhill by one point to capture the championship. Shortly after the trophy was presented to the Rams, members of the coaching staff and team went to the gravestone of late Ram wrestling coach Mark Donovan to celebrate the championship.

"From the arena, we went right there," Pratt said. "The kids wanted to bring it to him and we said 'Yes, of course.' It was awesome."

Shawsheen ended up with two champions in Lowell, James Tildsley at 126 pounds and Sid Tildsley at 138 pounds. Both brothers from Billerica went undefeated with James winning by fall in his title match and Sid winning by a 9-3 decision in his final.

Brayton Carbone was second at 120 and Caleb Caceres was seventh at 132.

Carbone had a particularly grueling tournament with three straight decisions to finish Day 2 as he captured a 10-4 win in the quarterfinals and a 6-5 victory in the semifinals before falling in the finals, 7-3.

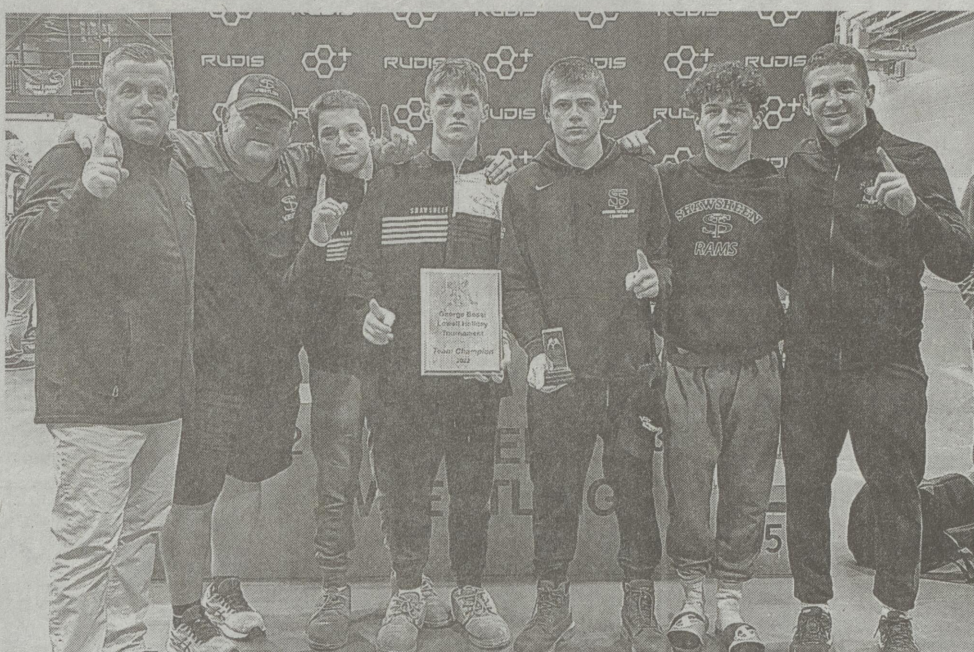
The tournament actually came down to the third-place match at 220 pounds where a Haverhill wrestler took on a grappler from Gloucester. If the Hillie representative won the match, Haverhill would have won the tournament.

"All of our kids went over to the Gloucester kid and started pumping him up," Pratt recalled with a laugh. "With about eight seconds left, the Gloucester kid won the match and our kids went crazy. Our kids were jumping on the Gloucester kid when he came off the mat. It was awesome."

The Gloucester wrestler, Jayden Toppan, even posed with the Shawsheen team for a picture after his victory.

"Almost every kid won a match for us," said Pratt. "Every single kid contributed to this win. Every match counted."

Three days later, the Rams hosted a super-quad meet that involved Milford, Andover, Springfield Central and Coventry, Rhode Island



Last Wednesday, the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team won the 88-team Lowell Holiday Tournament, beating out Haverhill by a point. Celebrating the victory includes from left, Assistant Coach Brian Tildsley, head coach Doug Pratt, Brayton Carbone, Sidney Tildsley, James Tildsley, Caleb Caceres and assistant coach Nick Gamble.

(courtesy photo).

and topped Andover (48-31), Coventry (51-23) and Springfield (57-12) while losing a close decision against Milford, 40-37.

Winning four matches on Saturday for Shawsheen was James and Sid Tildsley, Austin Malandain and Ben Goltz.

Carbone and Caleb Caceres had three victories apiece and the trio of Tom Cormier, Ethan Caceres and Dante Graziano all won two matches each.

Shawsheen enters a Wednesday match with Greater Lowell/Lynn Tech and Saturday's Chelmsford Invitational with a 6-2 overall record.

### BOYS HOCKEY

When the MIAA instituted its power-ranking system a couple of years ago, it put a real value on teams from lower divisions defeating teams in the higher ones.

In other words, when a Div. 4 team like Shawsheen Tech plays a Div. 3 team like Methuen, a victory would be a good thing.

Saturday was a good night for the Rams.

Despite the Rangers scoring just 5:51 into the game on the power play, the Rams rallied and ultimately hung on for a 3-2 victory in a game played at Methuen High.

"Overall, it was a gritty win," said Ram coach Chuck Baker. "Ugly, but we'll take it. An ugly win is a good win sometimes. We needed to get this win."

Up 2-1 after two periods, Shawsheen added an insurance goal just 51 seconds into the third period with a power-play strike by senior Brady Darcey of Billerica. Darcey's blast from the point came only 15 seconds after a penalty was called on the Rangers and made it 3-1. Junior Liam Milne of Wilmington and freshman Justin Thibert of Wilmington earned assists for Shawsheen.

The final 14 minutes of the game saw the Rangers pressing to get back into the game.

The Rams killed a penalty with 12 minutes to go behind a unit led by senior Nick Calouro of Tewksbury, senior Kevin

Ackerley of Wilmington, sophomore Larry Cullity of Billerica and Darcey. Senior goalie Aiden MacLeod of Burlington also came up big, scooping a shot off of the goal line to rob Ranger sophomore Aiden Cashman of a goal. The stop by MacLeod earned a hug of relief from Ackerley after the play.

"Awesome," Baker said of MacLeod's performance. "We have to spend some time this week redressing our (defensive) zone coverage. We ran around a little bit."

With 6:27 to go, the Rangers made it 3-2 when junior Patrick Morris scored after a terrific move, a tally assisted by sophomore Nik Fehmel and senior Nick Sanguedolce.

"They skate well," Baker said of Methuen. "They are well-coached. (Methuen coach) Billy (Blackwell) does a great job, they all seem to skate well and they're younger so he's got a good future there."

In the final minutes, Ackerley broke up a partial breakaway with a hustle play and MacLeod foiled a shot by senior Jack Allard with three minutes left.

The game started with plenty of scoring.

Sophomore Quinn Ronan opened the game for the Rangers with an unassisted tally, but the Rams bounced back.

At 5:47, junior Chase Darcey of Billerica scored with junior Kyle Gray of Wilmington earning the assist. Only 31 seconds later, Cullity converted a pass from Ackerley to put Shawsheen in front.

Shawsheen's defense stiffened after the early goal with junior Colin Lawson of Wilmington junior Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury, junior Brody Amenkovic and senior Evan Curtis of Burlington protecting MacLeod, who made a terrific stop on a breakaway by Allard late in the period.

MacLeod foiled Allard again early in the second, a period filled with penalties on both teams.

"It's a work in progress," said Baker, whose team improved to 4-1 overall. "We pulled out of a loss

(to Rockport) and came back with a win. It's a quality win for us."

Shawsheen plays Haverhill in Billerica on Thursday starting at 7:10 p.m. before a Saturday trip to the Pingree School in Hamilton to face Hamilton-Wenham at 7 p.m.

### GIRLS HOOP

Only six games into the 2022-2023 season, the Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team has checked off one of its goals.

With a 61-36 win over Mystic Valley on Tuesday night in Malden, the Rams improved to 4-2 overall and already eclipsed the team's win total from last season.

"Very, very happy," said Shawsheen coach Samantha St. George. "It was a good game."

After a tight first quarter, the Rams pulled away and cruised to a lopsided victory.

Senior Lindsay McCarthy of Billerica led the Shawsheen scoring with 20 points and classmate Kerry Brown, also of Billerica, scored 19.

Senior Kiley McFadden of Tewksbury had a solid all-around game with eight points and 10 rebounds.

"One game at a time," St. George said. "That's what I keep telling them. Every game is going to be different."

The victory was a good bounce-back performance after a 46-33 loss to Lynnfield on Saturday in Lynnfield.

"Against Lynnfield, for some reason, it just wasn't falling for us," St. George said.

Although the Pioneers had only six players in uniform, the Rams fell behind early and although rallying to within striking distance of several occasions, were never able to claim the lead.

The Pioneers led 11-6 at the end of the first quarter and 15-6 early in the second before Shawsheen used a 9-2 spurt to get within two (17-15). A big 3-pointer by Pioneer senior Isabella George ended the Ram run and Shawsheen wasn't closer than five the rest of the way.

Lynnfield led 22-17 at halftime and used a 10-1 surge midway through the third quarter that turned a 24-19 advantage into a 34-20 lead.

The lead was 11 after three (38-27) and was never challenged in the final eight minutes.

George led Lynnfield's scoring with 14 points, sophomore Taylor Valiton had 12 and sophomore Erika Pasquale added eight.

McCarthy's nine points led Shawsheen and Brown chipped in with seven. Junior Lillian Dulong of Billerica contributed six points for the Rams.

Lynnfield scored the first five points of the day before back-to-back baskets by Dulong, the second on a nice assist by McCarthy.

McCarthy had another beauty of an assist moments later on a basket by sophomore center Fiona Rexford of Billerica.

The Rams had their best stretch of the game in the second quarter.

Down 15-6, the rally started when sophomore Izzy Ferguson of Burlington had a 3-point play after a Rexford rebound. A fast-break hoop by Brown, a free throw by Brown and a 3-pointer by McCarthy made it 17-15.

Foul shooting was again an issue for Shawsheen.

In the first half, the Rams went 2-for-12 from the stripe and 5-for-18 for the game.

Lynnfield controlled much of the second half, taking a 34-20 lead before the Rams had a final spurt with a 7-2 run to cut the lead to nine.

Two Brown foul shots, an inside basket by McFadden and a 3-pointer by McCarthy accounted for the Shawsheen points, but that's where the good news ended for Shawsheen.

The Pioneers outscored

Shawsheen 10-6 the rest of the way.

The Rams play Essex Tech next on Friday at home before a Sunday game with Cardinal Spellman and a rematch with Lynnfield next Tuesday in Billerica.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

Down 2-1 after two periods, the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford girls hockey team rallied to tie the game in the third period and then win it in overtime as the Rams edged Melrose on Monday in Medford, 3-2.

It's the first victory of the season for Shawsheen, who lost by one goal against Wakefield and two goals in a game with Newburyport before finally breaking through against the Red Raiders.

"Any win is exciting," said Ram coach Kate O'Shea. "It was a good game, but it was a game that should never have gone into overtime."

Elianna Munroe of Billerica stole the show in net for the Rams.

"She played unbelievable," O'Shea said. "That was probably one of the best games I've ever seen her play."

The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Melrose took a one-goal lead after two. Rebecca Sobol of Bedford had the early goal for Shawsheen/Bedford.

Olivia O'Brien of Bedford ended up scoring the tying goal for the Rams in the third period and forcing overtime.

Healy Weissman of Bedford scored the overtime goal for Shawsheen/Bedford less than a minute into the extra session.

Chalking up assists for the Rams were Sophia Demeo of Bedford with two, Paige Fuller of Wilmington, Corrine Foley of Tewksbury, Anna McEachern of Bedford and senior Alexis Fox of Wilmington.

Fox was a standout according to her coach.

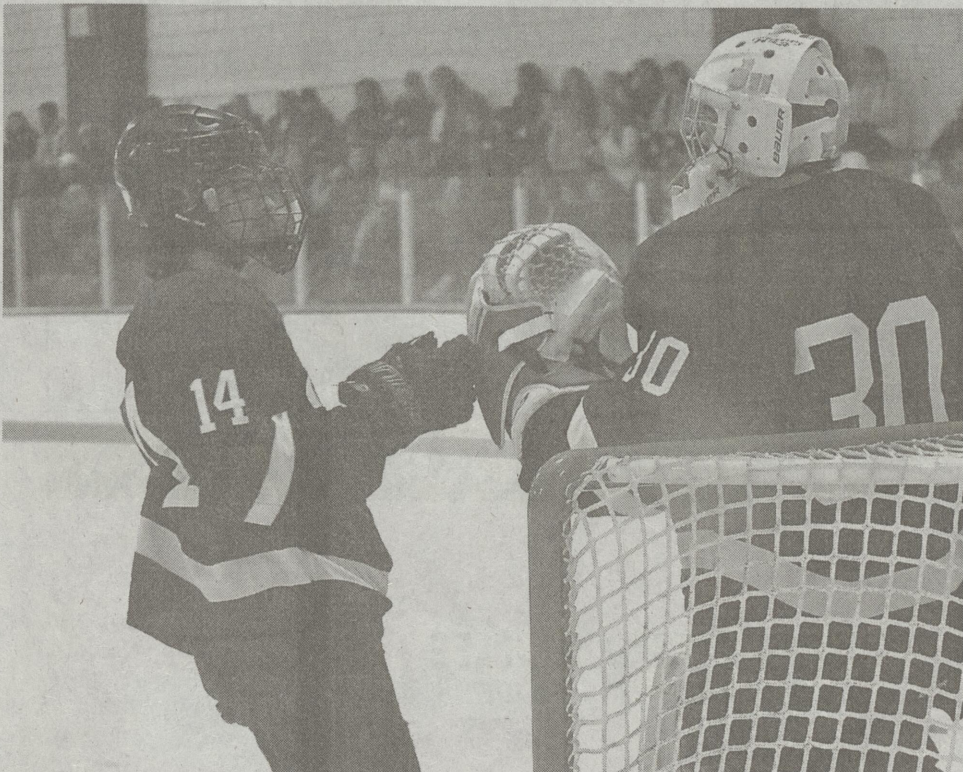
"I don't know where her energy came from," the coach laughed. "She was flying."

The Rams (1-5) are back on the ice Thursday when they go to Salem State University for a game against Marblehead.

On Saturday, Shawsheen/Bedford will host Medford at Lowell's Janas Rink at 11 a.m.

## Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Tewksbury High Sports</b>				
Friday	Jan 6	V Boys Hoop	at Haverhill	6:30 pm
Saturday	Jan 7	V Wrestling	at Methuen	10:00 am
Saturday	Jan 7	V Boys Hockey	vs Lin-Sudbury	1:00 pm
Saturday	Jan 7	V Girls Hockey	vs Andover	5:00 pm
Sunday	Jan 8	B/G Track	Fr/Soph Meet, RLC	10:00 am
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Boys Hoop	at North Andover	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Girls Hoop	vs North Andover	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	B/G Track	MVC Meet, RLC	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Wrestling	vs Lowell	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Boys Hockey	at Billerica	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Girls Hockey	at Shrewsbury	TBA
Thursday	Jan 12	V Gymnastics	vs Haverhill	
7:30 pm				
<b>Wilmington High Sports</b>				
Thursday	Jan 5	B/G Track	vs Melrose at NB	4:30 pm
Friday	Jan 6	V Girls/Boys Hoop	vs Stoneham	5:30/7 pm
Saturday	Jan 7	V Wrestling	at Salem	10:00 am
Saturday	Jan 7	V Girls Hockey	vs Burlington	4:00 pm
Sunday	Jan 8	B/G Track	Fr/Soph Meet, RCL	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan 8	V Boys Hockey	vs Wakefield at St	11:00 am
Monday	Jan 9	V Gymnastics	vs Reading	6:00 pm
Monday	Jan 9	V Boys Hoop	at Georgetown	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Boys Hoop	at Lexington	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Girls Hoop	vs Lexington	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Swimming	vs HW at Gordon Coll	8:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Wrestling	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Boys Hockey	vs Stoneham	8:00 pm
<b>Shawsheen Tech Sports</b>				
Thursday	Jan 5	V Boys Hoop	at North Reading	7:00 pm
Thursday	Jan 5	V Boys Hockey	vs Haverhill	7:10 pm
Thursday	Jan 5	V Girls Hockey	at Marblehead	7:30 pm
Friday	Jan 6	V Swimming	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Friday	Jan 6	V Girls Hoop	vs Essex Tech	5:30 pm
Saturday	Jan 7	V Wrestling	at Chelmsford Inv	10:00 am
Saturday	Jan 7	V Girls Hockey	vs Medford	11:00 am
Saturday	Jan 7	V Boys Hockey	at Ham-Wenham	7:00 pm
Sunday	Jan 8	V Girls Hoop	at Cardinal Spellman	1:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Girls Hoop	vs Lynnfield	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan 10	V Boys Hoop	at KIPP	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Swimming	vs Minuteman	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Boys Hoop	at Essex Tech	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 11	V Wrestling	at Whitier	7:00 pm
Thursday	Jan 12	V Boys Hockey	at NT/Gr. Lowell	7:10 pm



Chase Darcey congratulates goalie Aiden MacLeod after the Shawsheen Boys Hockey team defeated Methuen. (photo by Doug Hastings).





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